El Salvador has ordered the arrest to the country's centre-right junta of a former major in the national guard for making what he saw as a call for a coup d'etat by right-wing support for Señor Duarte.

President José Napoleon Duarte of military elements. This new threat seems likely to embarrass American efforts to win acceptance of their

Embarrassment for US policy

San Salvador, March 4

A new threat to El Salvador's centre-right junta came yesterday from the extreme right—and it seems likely to embarrass the United States Administration in their effort support for the regime here.

Señor Roberto d'Aubulsson. a former major in the National Guard and twice suspected of trying to engineer right-wing coups, held a melodramatic press conference calling for a seizure of power by army rightists and suggesting that such a coup might be

Without specifically claiming support for his attempt from the Reagan Administration, he said that he had held discussions with two members of it, naming Mr Roger Fontaine of the National Security Council and General David Graham, who was in the transition team but who is not

But today Mr Frederick Chapin, the United States ambassador, said: "The United States Government supports President Duarte and his Goveroment. We oppose a coup and who seeks to change the Duarte Government."

Earlier today five shots were fired at the American embassy from a white open lorry, causing slight damage but no injuries. Mr Coapin said that "this incident has all the hall-marks of a d'Abuisson operation we have no intention of being intimidated "

He did not say why he thought the shots came from the rightists rather than the left, but observers recalled that a similar attack on the embassy from a similar vehicle was made when Senor d'Abuisson tried to engineer a coup last.

President José Nanoléon Duarte angrily denouuced Señor d'Aubuisson at a press conference today, saying he had ordered his arrest for what was "oractically a call for a coup de tat". It is thought unlikely. however, that Senor d'Aubuisson

is still in the country.

"The extreme right is always eager to coup", the President said. "They want to restore He accu their privilege and are not concerned with the people, only their privileges and their



is not accepting any threats from anyone to change the decision we have made to base our country on justice and democracy... We will look for the solution of democracy whether the extreme right likes

A rightist coup would not be welcomed at the State Department, always having difficulties justifying to America's allies its support for Señor Duarte's

Junia.

Briefing British correspondents in Washington yesterday,
Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, spoke of improvements needed in the present

"We expect to see progress towards pluralization", he said, towards the achievement and preservation of human rights, towards the rejection of excesses by the right as well as the left." Those were not the kind of

changes advocated by Señor d'Aubuisson at his claudestine press conference yesterday. Reporters were picked up by one of his aides at their hotel and driven by a circuitous route to a once grand. Spanish-style mansion in a good area of town.
He sat behind a table on the ill-kempt lawn, armed body-guards lurking beneath the trees surrounding it. He is a small man wearing a blue baseball cap decorated with laurel leaves. At his side hung a sharp silver dagger

Speaking with passion and emphasis, he said he had spoken at many army camps and found support among officers for his criticism of the liberal tendencies of Señor the reforms which broke up large coffee estates to give land to the people. He said this had destroyed the country's

He accused liberals in the regime of treachery in that there was talk of making a pact with the left-wing guerillas and even money,

"They it all the time and the Government. In a written they will continue trying to coup d'état. But the Government for a new stage in government

which would guarantee the true beginning of a national struggle for recovery.

Asked when this might take place, he replied: March seems a good month.

This breat from the right

This threat from the right comes just after a successful week, militarily, for the Government in their efforts to suppress the guerrillas of the left. Government troops took many of the positions the left had occupied during their failed "final offensive" in January. The army claims to have killed hundreds of guerrillas in the operation but other evidence suggests that casualties were suggests that casualties were light and that the leftists made strategic withdrawals before the decisive attacks.

Reporters were taken to a former guerrilla base in a coffee plantation on top of the coffee plantation on top of the Conchagua volcano overlooking La Unión in the south-east. It was said to have been occupied by 700 rebels and 150 casualties were claimed. The only body we saw during a four-hour climb

saw during a tour-tour climb to the camp was that of a dog. At his press conference Señor Duarte made a gesture of reconciliation to the left by extending the amnesty for guer-rillas for a further 30 days with a promise of more to come. No halt to arms : The European reoresentative of leftist guer-rillas in El Salvador said today that Nicaragua's pledge nor to allow arms for the rebels to

cross its territory would not affect their supplies. Señor Luis de Sebastian, the EEC representative of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) guerrillas, also said in Paris that the United States policies on El Salvador would not have a bearing on the outcome of the civil war.

"Harsh measures, backed by the United States, have been in place for over a year to stop our weapons supplies. We have weapons supplies. We have found ways of circumventing them, that's evident he said.

America suspended aid to Nicaragua last month when it said it had information that Cuba was channelling arms to the El Salvador guerrillas throung Nicaragua.

But in Managua, Señor Francisco Fiallos Navarro, the Foreign Minister, said today that he is asking the Nicaraguan ambassador in Washington to check on reports of Nicaraguan assurances to the United States

Front march stopped by Whitelaw order

By Lucy Hodges Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, agreed last night to ban all political end of this month after & request yesterday from Scotland Yard.

The ban will cover Saturday's proposed National Front march past the house in Lewisham where 13 blacks died after a fire

where is blacks died after a tire six weeks ago and a counter-demonstration planned by the Anti-Nazi League.

The ban, under the Public Order Act, 1936, comes into force at 6 am today and will last until midnight on March 31. The Home Secretary's decision will be widely welcomed by people in Lewisham who by people in Lewisham who were extremely angry that the Front proposed to march past the house, particularly in view of the black community's suspicious that the deaths were consed by a marchief

suspicions that the deaths were caused by a raciallst attack. The Front proposed to protest against those allegations.

On Monday the demonstration by thousands of blacks through central London against the police handling of the case showed the strength of those feelings. There were outbreaks of violence and 23 arrests, and 17 policemen were injured. 17 policemen were injured.

The police were werried that there could be more racial violence this weekend if the marches were allowed.

At a lunch given by the Foreign Press Association yesterday, before it was known that the police would apply for a ban, Mr Whitelaw said he would not hesinate to ban the march if the police convinced him he should do so.

Although there were disadvantages in bans, he said, he could see no reason why the National Front should want to march past the burnrout house. He said he was very con-cerned by Monday's march, but he did not think Britain's racial difficulties had reached a crisis

or that the police had been inactive on Monday.

Mr Peter Neivens, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yester-day: "Nobody in a same state of mind would permit a march-by a group of that philosophy at the rear of the house where

the fire started". Since 1936 the Public Order Act has been used only 12 times to ban big merches. It was used in Sandwell, West Midlands, last August, after the National Front bag applied to

Mational Front had applied to demonstrate.

Top-level decision: A high political decision that the police should not appear to be pro-tecting the National Front was the key to the Government's ban (our Political Editor writes). That was learnt last-night in authoritative quarters.

The Government was reliased. The Government was relieved to receive the police application. After Monday's march through London it wanted to send a signal of concern to the black that it would try to half the alleged armed shipments to El Salvador guerrillas. Reuter, AP. public order, they would have been seen as protecting the



Mrs Thatcher standing silently as some of the demonstrators are escented by police out of the church

Communists heckle Mrs Thatcher in church

Political Reporter

Seven members of the Young Communist Seven members of the Young Communist League yesterday disrupted a lunchime tecture by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, at St Lawrence Jewry, near Guildhall, London, and were escorted from the church by police The Prime Minister had just started ber talk to about 500 people who packed the church when the league members began shouring slogans from seats behind. Mrs Thatcher as she stood before the wronght from lettern. wrought iron lettern.

Mr Frank Chalmers, aged 25, the league's national organizer, left his sear, anounted the pulpit and harangued the Prime Minister. You are not a Christian, you are a murderer, he shouted. "We want jobs, not bombs: We want freedom in

El Salvador. Mrs. Thatcher remained tion as disgraceful. Mrs. Thatcher duient during the herkling but after the demonstrators were escorted from the church, she told her audience. You see why I fight these people.

Outside the church Mr Chalmers said the group was protesting against mass the group was protesting against mass the Government was making cuts in public expenditure but not in defence. The other demonstrators were Mr Martin Chater, son of the editor of the Morning Stor. Miss learned that miss to do so many things which in the pass were the prerogative of the editor of the Morning Stor. Miss learned that misses to do so many things which in the pass were the prerogative of the editor of the Morning Stor. Miss learned that misses to do so many things which in the pass were the prerogative of the family why offines of violence are seen suggesting that misses that it is political, a view which mist be absorted inflation as an Minister for giving the first of a series missions will and confessed that of unchaine talks by public figures; and all the difficulties I face, unemployment, had described the five minute demonstrate.

England cricket tour goes on

By Our Sports Staff

The England sticker tour of the West Indies will continue as arranged after the Cricket Council meeting at Lord's yesterday, confirmed the decision of four Caribbean governments, which will allow Robin Jackman

which will allow Robin Jackman to play in the remaining matches Jackman's sporting littles with South Africa caused Guyana to expel him. The representatives of Antigna, Bartados, Jamaica and Montserrat finally emerged early yesterday morning from a secret meeting at a holiday centre near Bridgetown to deliver their statement, which had been held up because of consultations with other Commonwealth countries and difficulties of communication with Jamaica.

Jamaica.

The Foreign Office welcomed the news and a spokesman said that the Gleneagles Agreement on sporting contacts with South Africa was likely to be dis-cussed at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting later this year.

John Woodcock, page 21

All passenger flights in Britain to be stopped by strike on Monday

By David Felton Labour Reporter

All important air ports in the United Kingdom will be closed on Monday because of a one-day strike by civil servants. There will be no commercial flights in or out of the country for the first time since the last war.

first time since the last war.

The Civil Aviation Authority advised airlines and air traffic services in other countries vesterday to work on the understanding that there would be no air traffic sover in the United Aingdom for 24 kmms. from midnight on Simplers who have voted to support the national strike called by unions representing 530,000 civil servants, have agreed to provide limited cover for aircraft in limited cover for aircraft in emergency and medical use. Flights of light aircraft from

small airports are unlikely to be affected, but it is possible that pilots will have to take off without weather forecasts, be cause civil servants in the pected to join the strike, called in protest at a 7 per cent pay offer and the Government's re-

offer; and the Government's re-fusal to give guarantees on a future pay bargaining system. Several Scottish airports and airfields will be closed, affect-ing the operations of helicop-ters servicing North Sea oil rigs, Cross-Channel sea traffic may also be disrupted. The 1,500 air traffic controllers are members of the Institu-

tion of Professional Creil Servants, most of whom have voted to support the action. They are not directly covered by the negatiations on Civil Service size, which have broken pay agreements and have sub-inused up the Civil Aviation Authority eciting similar to the 15 per cast demand submisted on behalf of all nine Civil Service unions on the second

- The aviation authority said ina statement last night: The authority deployer the authority deployer the authority deployer the clivil Service, to which the authority does not belong to instruct members of authority.

Flights during the dispute will be cancelled or diversed to Continental sirports or to be-

Airports where there will be Airports where there will be no air traffic control services on Monday are Heathrow, Garwick, Stansted, Manchesser, Rirmingham, Liverpool, Cardiff, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Prestwick, and the aviation appropriets hight Scoricish airffeids;

Air traffic controllers at smaller airports, such as Infon, Newcastle apon Tyne, Teestide and East Midlands, are members of the National and Local Government Officers Association. (Nalso) which is not in dispute, but it is unlikely that those airports will be able to

continue normal because aircraft must vised by the main air traffic control reneres after they leave the control authority of the airport controllers.

Mr Douglas Bush chairman of the air traffic control officers branch of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants said last might that there had been a very positive degree of support for the strike from controllers throughout the country. He thought it highly intilizely that there would be any civil air transport movement in the United Kingdom.

Silent executives, page 2

Labour MPs urged to oppose Trudeau move

the party's international department it is recommended that they should vote against the proposals of Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, for Canada's revised constitutions of they come to London in tion if they come to London in their present form.

Tais is the first indication of the official Opposition attitude to the request which is expected from Ottawa towards the end of this month.

cral Government alone red-which is opposed by a majority of the provinces must be looked who are opposed to the measure so long as there is no agreement between the provin-cial and federal government cial and federal governments in Canada, Mr Trudcau's initiarive will be blocked by the

Commons.

It will certainly run loss severe difficulties if it gets. to the Lords, where a number of peers are prepared to introduce petitions on behalf of the provincial governments in the event of Mr Trudeau persisting in millateral action. in unilateral action.

Yesterday members of both

Houses were angry about the Government's reported intention to bring the Trudeau scheme before Parliament in a scheme before Parliament in a form that will not be amendable. The long title and preamble of the Bill will be so worded that MPs will have only the choice of voting for or against the complete constitutional package.

The Labour document states:

The bear future, the Govern-

"In the near future, the Government is likely to accede to the request of Mr Trudeau to 'patriate' the powers still retained by Westminster over Canada's ability to amend and control her own constitution. At first glance, the Labour Party might consider such a request to be perfectly reasonable, given the strength of the anti-colonialist

tradition within the party. "Indeed, the position which the party might choose to take on the issue would be quite different if the nature of the request itself were modified. For, not only is Pierre Trudeau asking for the right to amend Canada's constitution in Conada; he is also demanding that our Parliament in Westminster should ratify a new Bill of Rights which he has attached to

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By George Clark his request and pass judgment on the distribution of the wealth in a confidential document retrieved from his country's vast reserves of patural and mineral resources."

Far from being a simple request, the document states, the proposed move is " a shrewd political manoeuvre aimed at reinforcing federal authority at the expense of the provinces. MPs in London had to take cognizance of the federal nature of Canada's constitution. "Consequently, a unilateral proposal which emanates from the Fed-eral Government alone, and

The Westminster Parliament must accept that it was placed in the position of an arbiter between federal and provincial

interests The nine-page document out-lines the background and describes the political forces at describes the political forces at work in Ottawa, Referring to the support given to the Trudeau proposals at the federal level by the National Democratic Party (NDP) and also to the objections made by Mr Allan Blakeney and his NDP provincial government in Saskatchewan the statement claims that the NDP is divided about 50-50 on the issue.

"There is some resentment of the Trudeau-Broadbent agreement which appears to have been decided unitaterally by Ed Broadbent [leader of the NDP] and the federal parlia-

NDP and the federal parlia-mentory caucus", it states.
"The unions which support the NDP are generally hostile to the federal government's proposals, and most of the local and provincial leadership of the party are deeply suspicious and sometimes, as in the case of Quebec, openly hostile". There had been some sugges-tions that the leadership of the party would renege on the agreement with Mr Trudeau because of rank-and-file pressure. Under the heading: "Conclusion", the document states: Because the present Canadian

Government proposals go far

beyond the mere request to patriate the constitution, this

paper argues that the Labour Party should oppose such a move at this time." Letters, page 17

BL to cut back 24,000 more jobs in two years

Reagan TV interview, page 7 | National Front.

BL will cut a further 24,000 jobs in the next two years to put the company back on the road to recovery, according to Sir Michael Edwardes the chairman: His remarks to a Commons Select Committee are certain to provoke widespread opposition among trade union leaders, particularly since a further 1990m in state aid has just been promised. The car company is expected to show losses of \$400m for

Observer deal change
An alteration of the deal in which Lourho has agreed to buy The Observer from Atlantic Richfield (Arco) is intended to nelp to avoid an extended review by the monopolies commission, Mr Robert Anderson, Arco chairman, said, Instead of receiving a 40 per cent stake in George Outram, Arco will now take 20 per cent and £3m in cash.

Producer defies Equity-

Mr Stephen Kendall-Lane, producer of the London variety show, That's Showbiz, decided to defy an order by the London Theatre Council to halt Sunday performances, bringing him into conflict with Equity, the actors union. The council acts as an arbitration body between Equity and the Society of West End Theatres. Union disciplinary action against the show's cast is expected. Cast is expected

500m to watch wedding

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About 500 million people are expected to watch BBC Television's coverage of the marriage of the Prince of Wales in Sr Paul's Cathedral on July 29. The operation is estimated to cost £150,000 involving 12 mobile control rooms, 60 cameras and 300 people. Mr Cliff Morgan, head of outside broadcasts, said it would be the most spectacular event since the 1937 coronation of George VI of George VI

Turkish diplomat shot dead in Paris

A Turkish diplomat was killed and another seriously injured by gunmen in Paris. An anonymous caller later told the French news agency that the attack was the work of the Armenian Secret Army. The dead man, Mr Reset Morall, the Assistant Labour Attaché, is the third Lurkish diplomat to be assessinated in the French capital in the past five years. Page 6

Spending scrutiny plea

The Committee of Public Accounts, Parliament's watchdog on government spending, wants sweeping new powers to promote closer scripting in the disbursement and effectiveness of government funds. Its recommendations, which come after a lengthy investigation, include the creation of a national sudit office and the widening of the range of organizations subject to audit.

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Liverpool Ipswich win

British clubs had mixed fortunes in European compensions. In the European Cup Liverpool bear CSKA Sofia 5-1 but West Ham lost their European Cup Winners' Cup tie 4-1 to Dynamo Tbilisi. In the same commention Newport County drew 2-2 in East Germany against Carl Zeits Jena. Ipswich beat St Etienne 4-1 in the Ucfa Cup Page 26

MPs vote on 'college

Labour MPs approved by 144—24 a motion put by Mr Michael Foot on behalf of the Shadow Cabinet reasserting their right to the fullest say in choosing the party leader. They were renewing their claim, repeated at Wembley, to at least balf the electoral college votes Page 2 Madrid: Coalition seen as the best chance of saving democracy in Spain 6
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Budget aid likely on energy cost

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor-By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor
Measures to ease the heavy
burden borne by key energy
intensive industries are to be
infroduced by the Government.
Sir Genffrey Howe, Chancellor
of the Exchequer, is expected to
announce some of the measures
to help to restore these industries, competitiveness in his
Bodget statement on Tuesday.
Sir Geoffrey thoried a meeting of the National Economic
Development Council yesterday
which considered a detailed
report on comparative energy
prices meagared by a tripartite
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The formation of this task
force at the Jamary meeting of
the NEDC came after months
of concern and occasure from
industries, including iron and
steel and chemicals, about their
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The report has confirmed much of the evidence assembled over the past 12 months, and has underlined the scale of disparity between prices paid by United Kingdem industries for color, electricity, gas and fuel oil and prices charged for those fuels on the continent.

As David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, who attended yesterday's meeting promised 2 government respectives. promised 2 government response within two weeks. This was seen as indicating the strong likelihood; of references

in the Budget to relief mea-

sures.

He told the NEDC that the Government recognized the problems experienced by energy intensite industries.
The Strength of sterling bas been one latter, but ministers have made it clear that they would not contemplate allowing the energy simply authorities so move prices up, and sown to reflect exhause rate florenerges. fineractions, no would they seek to implant West German she United Linedon.

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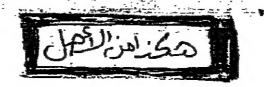
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Big changes proposed in scrutiny of public funds

Industrial Editor

Sweeping new powers aimed at promoting much closer scrutiny of government spend-ing are advocated by the Committee of Public Accounts, Parliament's watchdog on government spending.

The committee proposes the most fundamental changes in the framework and nature of public audit since the office of Comptroller and Auditor General was established in 1866.

Key recommendations made by the committee in its report,* published yesterday after a long and detailed investigation, include the creation of a national audit office to carry out the functions of the comptroller and his department and a considerable extension of the range of organizations subject to audit.

New audit laws are required New audit laws are required urgently, the committee says, as the existing legislation is out of date. There is a need to make statutory provision for a framework of public audit to ensure accountability to Parliament for the wider range of public expenditure.

The committee says that Ministers often do not have the information, they reasonably

information they reasonably need to control their expenditure. That means that the cost effectiveness of public spending is often insufficiently tested. In many cases it is not possible to assess accurately what a policy change would cost and there is no clear way of establishing the cost or value of resources being continuously employed in official pro-

A year ago the Government introduced a Green Paper, which the committee criticized for failing to tackle the fundamental questions about the need for satisfactory accountability to Parliament of public spending. of which the comptroller and his officials audit an estimated

60 per cent Among its recommendations the committee suggests that the proposed national audit office should be responsible for the external audit of all government accounts and that of local and health authorities.

It should also be charged with advising Parliament on the efficiency with which public money is invested in non-departmental bodies, in nationalized industries and in privately owned companies.

That would require full access to the books and records of all the organizations involved, including the National Enterprise
Board and the British National
Chi Corporation. The office
would draw its initial staff of
1,300 from the Exchequer and Audit Department and the district audit service.

The committee is not per-suaded that the "susceptibility of the possible commercial partners to wholly unsubstantiated or unsubstantial fears" should be regarded as a reason to deny the comptroller access to the books of the nationalized industries. It ndustries. It is confident that he woul dexercise his rights of access with discretion.

Committee of Public Accounts: The Role of the Comptroller and Auditor General, vol I, House of Commons paper 115-1 (Stationery Office, £4.20).

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Mr Cliff Morgan, Head of Plans announced yesterday envisage 12 mobile control rooms, 60 cameras, 12 of them inside the cathedral, and a supporting cast of 300.

The main commentary will be by Mr Tow Fleming, a veteran of man yroyal pageants, including Princess Anne's marriage in 1973 and the Silver Jubilee in 1977. West Country visit: The Prince yesterday began a three-day working visit to his Duchy lands in the West Country (the Press Association reports). day that the weding in St Paul's Cathedral would be the "biggest and most glamorous event" since the 1936 Corona-Plans announced yesterday

cunning game. The stakes are high. At this

a shallow crater blasted out by the Army many years ago and pondered the thick mud that oozed around his shoes. "New prints", he said, "nor more week's prices all cattle smuggled into Northern Ireland escape a levy of about £63 a head, depending on the weight Hoof marks were all around, deep and not yet filled by rain, of the animal, and about £8 for

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Cross-border cattle smugglers

and were made by perhaps twenty cattle. That meant the Smugeling has been especially rife since last September because of the high value of sterling against the Irish pound. Since then 1,000 cattle valued common agricultural policy had ust been cheated of another 1.200 in one minor, successful smuggling operation across the a: £300,000 in United Kingdom Irish border.
The setting was in a narrow prices, have been seized by the Customs and Excise in Northern Ireland. Had they got through, lane winding through the beautiful hills of south Armagh. The crater and a huge, rusting tank the smurglers would have made about £70,000. of concrete close to it were re-minders that this was terrorist In bureaucratic parlance,

"money compensatory amounts" should be paid on country, where scores of lanes and tracks are sealed at the cattle and pigs when they move from south to north, to equalize border. That makes them con-veniently quiet for smugglers. the value of the green pound, the EEC's farming currency.

The odds are probably stacked in farour of the The prints in the mud told their story. The cattle were un-loaded from a lorry a few paces inside the Irish Republic, smugglers, but for those who are caught the penalty is high. They lose the animals, a lorry load of which might be worth herded through the crater and around the big tank and into a

lorry waiting on the other side, in Northern Ireland. Scouts would have patrolled both sides of the border for several hours, driving through the labyrinth of lanes in case 58,000, and the lorry.
The Customs and Excise sells them and often the failed smuz-gler buys back his own cows

the customs men were about. They would have given the all-Cattle from the republic have numbered metal tag in the clear with a call to a telephone kiosk, or by flashing a torca. left ear which reveals their origin, colour and sex. They together.

thrive on sterling's strength washing line, sending a citizen's are tattooed as soon as they band radio message, or by using legally enter Northern Ireland one of the various devices and a new tag is expected to employed in an increasingly be attached to the right ear

within a formight. That helps Department of Agriculture staff to keep a check on incoming stock. But the tags are not difficult to acquire in a nation of farmers, and forging tattoos has not

proved a stumbling block. Once inside Northern Ireland the smuggler can sell the beasts at an excessive profit or take them back across the border, collecting his "money compensatory amount" as he goes.

Pigs are much easier to smuggle but the profits are smaller. The tag and tattoo system does not apply and the same load of pigs may be moved illegally over the border two or three times a day, collecting the compensatory amounts as they leave Ulster at different official crossing

A profit of more than £600 on an average lorry load of 30 pigs is possible in a day.

More stringent safeguards are constantly devised in an effort to thwart the smugglers, but the only truly effective deterrent is out of the control of the customs men and the Department of Agriculture. That is for the Irish pound and sterling to move closer

tion of George VI.

by school staff denied by authority

From Ronald Faux Glasgow

The tirade against Mrs Margaret Thatcher contained in essays by pupils of Possilpark secondary school, Glasgow, was not evidence of political indoctrination by school staff, the Educational Institute of Scotland said yesterday.

Rainbow Warrior, who are ready to set sail from Southampton today in

an attempt to prevent the killing next

week of 15,000 pups of the hooded seal off Newfoundland (Pearce Wright

The teacher who sent the essays to the Socialist Worker was not at the school yesterday. He has been severely disciplined by Strathclyde Re-gional Council for acting in an unprofessional manner.

Mr John Polock, general secretary of the institute, Scotland's largest teachers' union said it had not disagreed with the decision to discipline the teacher.

The institute, of which the teacher was a member, agreed it had ben wrong to release the essays to the press without consulting the school or the parents of the children. It was also concerned about the nature of the materials in the essays.

On allegations by Mr Alan Stewart, Conservative MP for Renfrewshire, East, that the children who wrote the essays had been indoctrinated by teachers, Mr Polock said:
"There is no political indoctrination going on at the school.

These views are likely to be
the views of children and
parents in the Possilpark area

of Glasgow. "The feeling there is very ment and the state of the country. I would not be at all surprised to find these phrases

being used in Possilpark." The accusation of indoctrina William Harley, chairman of Strathclyde council's education committee, and staff at the

hanging a red blanket on a

Afteralong day, it lifts you.

From Christopher Thomas

prints", he said than a day old".

The customs officer stood in

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MAKERS OF THE BEST CAR IN THE WORLD'

One in 12 of jobless may be cheating, report says By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent A government report claim-

ing that social security fraud by the unemoloyed may be four times as high as previous estimates is to be published soon after the Budger.

It sas that a team of officials found that fraudulent claims by the unemployed might be as high as 8 per cent, and that the Department of Health and Social Security should investi-

claims would suggest that more than 68,000 unemployed people are cheating. The DHSS, which is believed to have challenged parts of the report, said yester-day that it had no specific data on which to bases a percentage figure for the extent of fraud. The fraud figure is a by-product of a wider inquiry into the administration of benefits for the unemployed under the guid-

ance of Sir Derek Rayner, the waste in Whitehali.

Prime Minister's adviser on The Civil Service unions declined to cooperate with the in-

quiry, which was widely be-

The management of the

Reviou cosmetics factory at night dropped plans to give workers an intelligence test to determine who should be dis-

missed in company economies. Union officials threatened to call the 800-strong workforce out on an indefinite strike if the test were made. They will agree to the lost of the 21 jobs in the credit control department only on a firt in, last out,

convener of the General and

Municipal Workers' Union at the plant, said the "stupid and ridiculous" scheme had been dreamed up by litle emperors

who believe people are born with a stamp on their fore-

heads determining their ability". The company refused

to give details of the proposed

IQ test before

is abandoned

dismissals

From Tim Jones

Cardiff

lieved to foreshadow an end to national insurance benefits for the unemployed.

The inquiry team, led by Department of Employment officials, visited a limited number of offices because of the hostility of the Civil Service unions. It is believed that their found figures are based on infraud figures are based on in-quiries at only two benefit

offices.

The Rayner inquiry is under-stood to have produced its 8 per stood to have produced its 8 per cent figure on the proportion of unemployed people suspected to be drawing unemployment and supplementary benefit while working. That has been known for some time to be the biggest area of fraud, but one on which anti-fraud drives have concentrated in recent years.

The fraud involved is not benefits

The fraud involved is not working while drawing benefit, but not declaring earnings. Unemployed people are allowed to earn 75p a day before it affects their benefit.

That type of fraud, and cases where women drawing benefit are suspected of cohabiting with

are suspected of cohabiting with a man, are the two areas on which the Government's antifraud drive is concentrated.

Water charges inquiry 'failed to find waste'

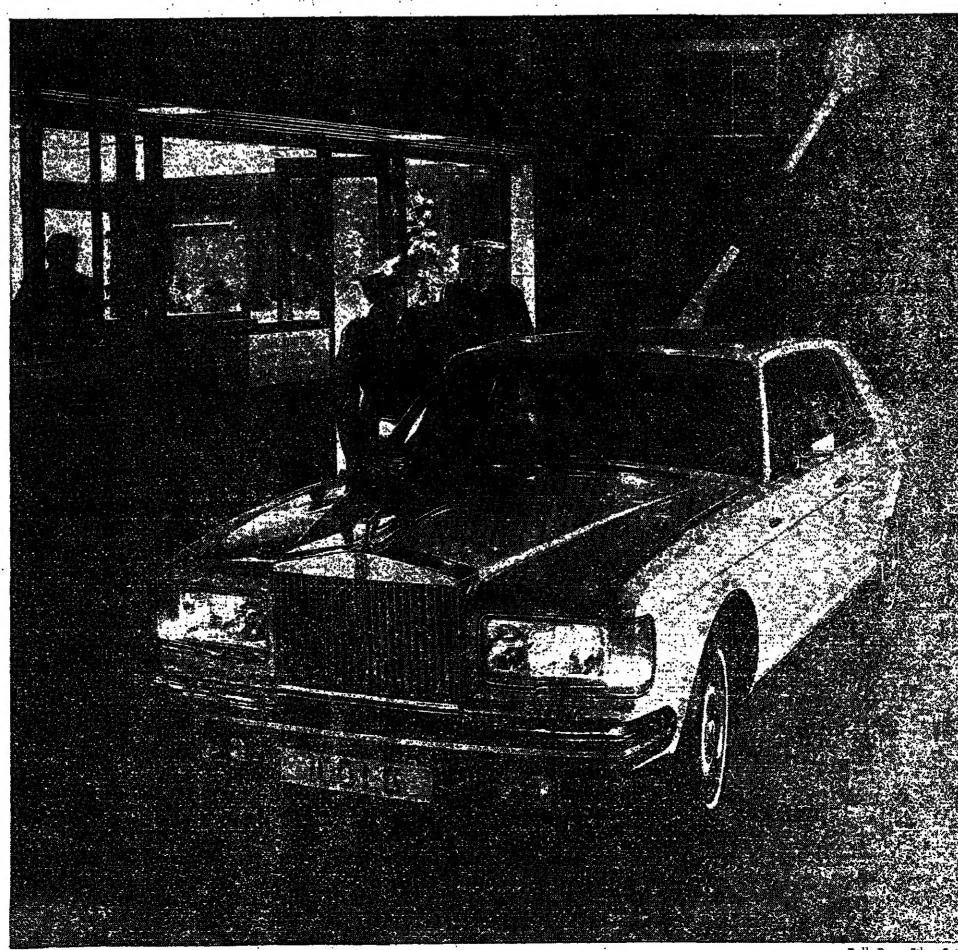
The Government's inquiry water charges had failed to find any waste but had led to financial manipulation which could involve greater cost in the future, Mr Eric Gilliland, president of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and

Institute of Public Emance and Accountancy, said yesterday.
Speaking in Birmingham, he criticized the inquiry ordered by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, after budgets for the water authorities showed increases ranging from 14 to 28

per cent.
As a result of the inquiry by independent accountants, the authorities have trimed their budgets to reduce the average

increase

Eut Mr Gilliland, director of finance for the Thames Water Broard, said the accountants had to justify their existence by producing suggestions to reduce the rate increases



Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit

Three men cleared in Bristol riot trial

From Our Correspondent Bristol

Three of the 12 people accused of riotous assembly in St Paul's, Bristol, last April were found not guilty at Bristol Crown Court yesterday on the direction of Mr Justice Stocker. Sidney Clarke, aged 19, Raymond Jones, aged 25, and Nicholas Walkers, aged 19, were discharged on the twenty-second day of the hearing after 14 hours of legal submissions by counsel for all the defendants.

The judge, directing the jury to acquir the men, said: "In the case of Jones, his name has not been mentioned in the prosecution evidence from be-ginning to end. The reasons for the other two are more tech-

The case continued against eight other men and a woman accused of riotous assembly. The woman is also accused of wounding Police Constable Christopher Haycock. They have all pleaded not guilty. More than seventy witnesses have said that a crowd of mainly black youngsters stoned the police, overturned police vehicles and fired and looted business premises after a drink and drugs raid on the Black and White Café, in Grosvenor

Road, St Paul's.

Two of the accused elected Two of the accused elected to read prepared statements rather than give evidence. Paul Binns, aged 18, said he threw quite a lot of stones" because everyone else was, and he did not want to be the odd one out. He said he also helped to turn over a police transit van, but did not think it was a riot. Clinton Brown, aged 24, said In his statement that he never caused the police any trouble.

The bearing continues today.

Producer defies order to stop Sunday show and faces Equity action for big.

By Martin Huckerby
Theatre Reporter
Mr Stephen Kendall-Lane,
the producer of the variety
show, That's Showbiz, yesterday defied an arbitration judgment from the London Theatre
Council that he should halt
Sunday performances of the
show, putting him in direct
conflict with Equity, the actors'
union.

union. He announced last night that he intends to continue the performances at the Phoenix Theatre, in London, although he realized that Equity would take disciplinary action against the cast. He said the perform-ances were necessary to bring in the box office income

in the box office income necessary to sustain the show.

The Theatre Council, which acts as an arbitration body herween Equity and the Society of West End Theatres, agreed vesterday that it would not deregister Kendall-Lane Productions as a producer if the Sunday performances were discontinued But it said that Mr. continued. But it said that Mr Kendall-Lane would not accept that condition and had thus deregistered, meaning that no Equity members should work for him.

Mr Kendall-Lane said after

the council meeting that 32 Equity members in the show's cast had defied the union by performing last Sunday. "They will be disciplined now: it could result their being blacked", he said

But he hoped the cast would continue and that the public would support the show on Suuday. The cast was given Mon-days and Tuesdays off in re-turn for Sunday work but Equity has always opposed gen-eral Sunday opening for theatres.
Mr Peter Plouviez, the

union's general secretary, said there would be talks with the cast today. Performers had earlier been instructed not to

work on Sundays. Impressario to rescue: The openair theatre in Regent's Park, London, which was in danger of closing after losing its grant from the Arts Council, has been saved for this season by a gift of £26,000 from Mr Peter Saunders, the impression

For 48 years the annual summer season staged in the park by the New Shakespeare Company has survived the vicissitudes of the English climate, low-flying jets and variable audiences, but Mr David Con-ville, the company's managing director, said yesterday that they could not have kept going without sponsorship.

He said the company was "absolutely thrilled" by the gift, and was grateful for such a generous offer.

Mr Saunders, who produces The Mousctrap and owns the Vaudeville Theatre, said he had been sad when the council stopped the £26,000 grant to the theatre.
"It is a unique part of the

London theatrical scene and I do not know of any theatre like it in the world", he said.

Mermaid reopening: The redeveloped Mermaid Theatre in the City of London, will repone on July 7 after being closed on July / after being closed for nearly three years, with 110 extra seats, a stage doubled in size, new front of house facili-ties and a 250-sear children's

theatre.
The Mermaid plans to run productions for six weeks at a time. Some will be presented twice nightly, with first houses starting at 6 pm for the benefit of City workers.

Ban blamed

loss of jobs and rents

By John Young
The big overspill town of Wythenshawe, on the southern edge of Manchester, is pleasnat enough, having much of the atmosphere of a dormitory suburb with views of woods and distant moorland. It comes are shock therefore. In and distant moorland. It comes as a shock, therefore, to encounter three-storey blocks of flats in peaceful avenues with their windows smashed and entrances boarded up.

The reason is not hooliganism but the Government's

action last autumn in freezing all further local authority housing spending. Manchester City Council, about to embark on a programme of moderniz-ing prewar "walk-ups", which are unpopular because of con-densation from inadequate heating and because access is uncontrolled, was forced to abandon its plans and to leave the buildings empty. the buildings empty.

Mr John Smith, chairman of

the housing committee, admits, "We are constantly criticized in the local press because of the number of empty council flats. But the contractors insist on the blocks being emptied while modernization is carried

"Since the moratorium on spending began, we have not been able to let any new coutracts, the contractors have had to lay people off, we have lost thousands of pounds in rents, and, when work does start, it will cost more because of inflation. Where is the sense in it all?" The impact so far on new

building projects has not been too serious, he says. In some cases, because of the slump in construction, contractors have been willing to start work and wait until April to be paid. But, like most other local authorities, Manchester would have probably reduced its new

Manchester is a law abiding council, Mr Smith points out.
"We implement as far as pos-Conservative control, has placed the emphasis on home sible the policies laid down by the Government, and in return we expect some consideration. ownership. It was one of the we are being clobfirst authorities to encourage ow-cost buildings for sale on "The city has a very good council land.
Indeed, Mr Richard Kemp,

An example of neglected repairs: Houses in Hawthorn Grove, Liverpool.

record in not overspending. Why should the Government impose a blanket moratorium, instead of just penalizing the overspenders? We have enough to contend with, with shrinking resources, without

building programme in any Liverpool have to case and have spent propor their separate way tionately more on rehabili- ing proves no Liverpool have tended to go their separate ways, and hous-

pinch is being felt.

Instead,

Whereas more than 55 per cent of all housing in Manchester is municipally owned, Liverpool, particularly in the last few years of Liberal/

the youthful Liberal chairman of the housing committee, claims that most of the Gov-

Housing in crisis, 2: Manchester bears scars of spending freeze; Liverpool backs home-owne

Liverpool should have only associations have been equity about 25,000 council properties, active

Health planning jobs

for wartime opposed

being appointed by the health service to draw up contingency plans in cese of nuclear attack.

A torial of £400,000 is being given to regional health authorities for war planning purposes. The grants, of £28,500 each, are to run from April 1. The Department of Health and Social Security is distributing them but they are coming out of the Home Office budget.

The north western authority.

August that the Government fended yesterday by its medi-was increasing its commitment officer. Dr A. J. Lane.

instead of 78,000." above all is more wealthy inhabitants. A dominance of council tenants only fosters the ghetto mentality."

ernment's schemes for Belief in the benefits of encouraging ownership were more widespread ownership is borrowed from his party not coofined to the council, he "They should have been introduced 20 years ago, but ironically it was the Tories who itself simply in allowing prically it was the Tories who insisted on continuing to build detached houses for sale on huge council estates. Ideally,

War planning officers are being appointed by the health

Liverpool has the most s.

cil has no new build; schemes, apart from four si tered blocks for old peor But it had intended a "bli operation on its 4,000 emproperties and improvement to large estates, such as the at Netherley and Belle Van hich have been seriously valued. The whole program is now in jeopardy.

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leading up to war all patic should be discharged fr

hospital, went against th

Hippocratic oath.
All these plans are

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there is a defence ugai nuclear war."

a war planning adviser in

north western

But the decision to appoint

New body to aid London travel

Transport Correspondent

A joint "think tank" is being set up by British Rail and Loudon Transport to coordinate public transport fares and services throughout the London area.

It is headed by the two chairmen. Sir Peter Parker. of

fares and services through
the London area.

It is headed by the two chairmen, Sir Peter Parker, of British Rail, and Sir Peter Masefield, of London Transport. Other members include Mr Geoffrey Myers, British Rail Board member for marketing, and Mr David Cobbett.

The province of the same route, is another target, and rationalization to cut out duplication and give an improved service at lower cost.

Better interchange between respectively managing directors for rail and bus at London
Transport.

A prime aim is joint ticketing
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Better interchange between interchange between

was a right not to join a union, Sir Ian Percival, QC, the Solici-

tor General, argued before the European Court of Human

Rights in Srasbourg yesterday.

of the United Kingdom Govern-

ment that the dismissal by British Rail in 1976 of three

railwaymen who refused to join

a union after a closed shop agreement did not contravene

Of course, what happened to these men was disgraceful

and we have always said so", Sir Ian said. "Of course, there was a violation of human rights

in the general sense of those

Lack of work led

school-leaver

From Our Correspondent Preston

made redundant after

but did not think it would lead

A verdict of suicide was re-

vesterday.

to a job.

He was contending on behalf

Convention 'does not give

right to ignore union'

By Marcel Berlins

The right to join a trade union laid down in the European Convention on Human Rights did not imply that there matter was the interpretation of the matter was the interpretation

article 11 of the convention, which protected the right to

"freedom of association with

There is no way it can be

others, includin gthe right to form and to join trade

spelled out in the words used in

the convention that there is a

right not to be compelled to

Sir Ian pointed out that the introduced the Employment Act 1980, because it had always strongly opposed the fact that

the previous law passed by the Labour government gave dis-missed employees no remedy if

they refused to join a union for other than religious reasons.

Square, and Fenchurch Street

and Tower Hill. and Tower Hill.
Coordination of this kind was long seen as desirable but has been frustrated by the conflicting interests and loyalties of the two bodies, reinforced by their loyalty to different masters, the Department of Transport in the case of British Rail and the Greater London Council for London Transport.
At present central and local

At present central and local government are both Conservative-controlled but that will change in May if Labour wins power at County Hall on a platform of lower fores and higher subsidies, conflicting with national policies of financial stringency.

Recession cuts

of blood donors

The economic recession has affected Britain's blood trans-

fusion service. Two regions are

running intensive recruiting campaigns for donors, and others are having to reorganize

Factory closures, short-time

working and redundancies have

reduced the number of donors giving blood at work, while hos-pitals' demand for blood is

increasing.
In Manchester a campaign to

recruit 20,000 new donors starts

this week and in London a cam-paign spread over five months

has been organized to maintain

London's difficulties, which

were fairly acute late last year, have been eased by radio and

the number of donors.

poster advertising.

number

their schedules.

Nalgo ends Lambeth house sales action By Christopher Warman Act. The others are Bolsover, Bris-

Correspondent
Union action to prevent the in the London Borough of Lambeth was called off last night after Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, had told the Commons that it represented "the most serious abuse" of the law.

Members of the National and Local Government Officers Association had for five months withheld mail containing applications from tenants to buy

cations from tenants to buy their homes. The union refused to handle the mail until more staff were taken on to carry out the extra work.

The decision to call off the action was recommended by the union's national emergency committee. Mr Brian Martin, branch assistant secretary, said that all correspondence about house sales, believed to be 300 to 400 letters, would be forwarded with the next few days. He added that industrial action would continue in other ways. The council has started an inquiry into the matter, dir-ected by Mr Frank Dixon Ward, the chief executive.

In the Commons Mr Stanley said that Lambeth was one of 16 local authorities being investigated because of their slow progress in implementing legislation contained in the Housing

Union action to prevent the sale of council houses to tenants in the London Borough of Lambeth was called off last night after Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, had told the Commons that it

vironment had received about vironment had received about 2,000 letters from tenants complaining about delay, Mr Stanley said. Each complaint was being pursued by the department. Mr Kight's proposal: Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth borough council, who has in the past refused to contemplate reductions in services, has now proposed a reduction of up to per cent. If approved, that could mean a rate increase of 37.5 per cent instead of 57.9 per

In a letter to members of the Labour majority Mr Knight says that the increase of 57.9 per cent which would be produced if the present spending programme was maintained would be "unacceptable to Labour voters and would con-tinue the opposition generated by the supplementary rate."

By reducing spending, Mr
Knight believes, services can
still be protected and redundancies can be avoided.

Parliame liamentary report, page 9 Rates injustice, page 16

Park landing in

By Richard Ford
A gang of seven people considered using Finsbury Park, in

air jailbreak

plot is alleged

In brief Farmers predict beef shortage

Farmers gave a warning yesterday of a beef shortage after a government census had shown a reduction in the number of cattle in Britain. The National Farmers' Union

said: "The recent long period of depressed producer returns will lead to future supply shortages. Beef cow numbers are 430,000 below their 1975 peak, and dairy cow numbers have fallen by nearly 100,000 over the past two years."

Wilder Steam services

British Rail is to run more steam trains between York and Scarborough this summer after the British Medical trains between York and Scarborough this summer after the British Medical trains in the crisis per leading up to the British Medical trains to th Scarborough this summer after last year's financial success. Eight restored locomotives will be used on the 84-mile round trip, including the Flying Scotsman and the streamlined Sir Nigel Gresley.

Archie Gemmill fined

Archie Gemmill, aged 33, the Scottish football captain, who plays for Birmingham City, was fined £60 yesterday at Dumfries. Sheriff Court after admitting driving on the A74 in Dumfries shire last October at speeds of between 94 and 96 mph.

Petrol strike to end

The petrol shortage in the Republic of Ireland is expected to be relieved this weekend after the executive of the tan-ker drivers' union agreed yesday to recommend acceptance of a £23-a-week rise.

Beatles decline

None of the three members of the former Beatles group will attend the religious service at Liverpool Cathedral dedicated to the memory of John Lennon, the former Beatle, who was shot dead in New York.

£100m drugs wasted

Drugs costing the National Health Service £100m a year are thrown away unused, Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, told pharmacists in London last night.

Soho rates advice

The Soho Society, in London has advised residents and traders to apply for rate reductions on the ground that the value of their properties has declined because of the proliferation of sex shops.

Miss Jessie Matthews, aged

74, the actress, is being treated at St Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital, Harrow, north London, for a trapped nerve in her

He said that preparing the health service for war. circular is being opposed by second in importance only at least one of the 200 community health councils, the watchdogs of the health service. circular is being opposed by

offering a salary of between £12,000 and £20,000.

Instructions to regional bealth authorities were first sent out in 1977 in a circular

entitled Organization of the

Health Service for War. Its

message was reinforced by the

Home Secretary's statement last August that the Government

music and drama By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

to support

to bome defence.

Implementation

Appeals for more public funds to help the music and acting professions to survive were made yesterday before a Commons committee investiga-ting the public and private

funding of the arts.

The Education, Science and Arts Select Committee was given written evidence by the Musicians' Union and Equity, the actors' union, emphasizing the gravity of the crisis in both

areas. Equity described the British

the union's national executive committee, said the distribution of Arts Council money favoured a particular kind of music.

Public funds plea | Royal Opera's regional

tours at risk From R. W. Shakespeare

Manchester

The Royal Opera's first f season outside London for years could be its last unitoral authorities in the M. chester area have a change heart about the amount provide.

Sir John Tooley, Gener Director of the Royal Ope House, said yesterday that was dismayed and alarmed a decision of Greater Manch-ter Council's recreation a

Equity described the British theatre as "the paupers of Europe" and the musicians submitted that employment opportunities essential to the preservation of the British music profession had seriously diminished in the past year.

"By way of illustration", the union said, "the record industry, which has been seriously affected by the growth of home copying and widespread piracy, is in a serious state of recession."

Mr John Patrick, chairman of the union's national executive

Mr council's recreation a arts committee to make a gra of only £5.000 towards to company's three-week season the Palace Theatre, Mancheste in May.

Sir John said the company had been hoping to receive grant of about £100,000 from the Greater Manchester Ci Council. So far the city count has not decided on a figure for its share of subsidy, but earlies the union's national executive.

Even though the season the Palace Theatre, Manchester in May.

Even though the season likely to be fully booked it wi prohably show a loss of about 160,000, Sir John said.

120 MPs join campaign for Bill of Rights Inquiry demand

By Frances Gibb About 120 MPs have joined a campaign to press the Govern-ment for a Commons debate on a private member's Bill pro-moted by Lord Wade for a Bill nted by Lord Wade for a Bill Council for Social Democracy Rights, due to come before and many Conservatives.

the House tomorrow. Despite four attempts by Lord Wade to steer his controversial Bill through Parliament. two of which succeeded in the Lords, it has never been de-bated in the Commons.

Alan Beith, MP for Berwick - upon - Tweed, the Liberals' Chief Whip, is leading a campaign for sufficient support to ensure that the Government does not "object" to the Bill's second reading.

Mr Beith said yesterday:
"It is outrageous that this Bill
on a matter of major importance has gone through the Lords twice, commanding the support of many eminent peers and lawyers, and yet has not even been debated

Mrs Margaret Thatcher bad Mrs Margaret Thatcher had promised all-party talks on the issue before a debate but they had failed to take place, he said. "Many members of the Government have in the past important to safeguard rights in Britain.

He has tabled an early day motion calling for a debate on the Bill, which has attracted 119 signatures, including Liberals, members of the new Chuncil for Social Department of the New Social

have so far signed the early day motion, there is support party.
would make the
Convention on European Human Rights enforceable in British courts. At present, although Britain is a signatory to the convention and in January renewed the right of individuals to petition the European Commission of

By Our Political Staff
A full Home Office inquiry A full Home Office inquiry and a report to Parliament on the case of Mrs Jan Martin, about whom the security services passed false information to a private employer, were demanded last night by Mr James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Crayford. Writing to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, he law, the Home Secretary, he said an apology by Scotland

Yard was not enough. The country was entitled to an assurance that the security services and police had a system "in efficient hands".

north London, as a landing place in a plan to lift a prisoner out of Brixton jail by helicopter, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. When police raided a flat and arrested three of the alleged conspirators and a fourth man

they found a street guide to London which had a mark over the park. "That may have been one of the places contemplated for a helicopter to land. It would need a piece of open space for the rescuers and their prize to make good their escape", Mr David Jeffreys, for the prosecution, said. Elsewhere in the flat in Hol-

land Park, west London, detec-tives discovered two Browning Jessie Matthews ill automatic pistols, ammunition, £2,735 in notes, and documents Botrles of hair colouring liquid were found in the flat and at the home of another alleged conspirator, Margaret Partatt, and it was alleged that this was significant because of evidence that two of the accused, Robert Campbell and Richard Glenholmes, changed their appearance.

their appearance.

Mr Jeffreys alleged that Mr Campbell was the chief organizer of the plan and that with his lieutenant, Mr Glenholmes, he made trips to freland to be made their Storm and the recruit Robert Storey and the

recruit Robert Storey and the fourth man
Brian Keenan, aged 39, and the nther accused all deny conspiring between March 25 and December 13, 1979, to effect his escape.
The others are: Mr Campbell, aged 38, of Holland Park, west London; Mrs Parratt, aged 34, of Southgate, north London; Jacqueline O'Malley, aged 31, of Notting Hill, west London; Mr Clenholmes, aged 47, of Holland Park; Christine Keenan, aged 44, of Northern Ireland; and Mr Storey, aged 24, of Holland Park.
Mr Campbell, Mr Glenholmes and Mr Storey also deny three charges of possessing firearms.
The hearing continues today,

Moral mandate' to help the disabled By Our Political Correspondent Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon, said yesterday that he had "a moral mandate" for his Dismoral mandate for his Disabled Persons Bill, which seeks

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Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid
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said yesterday that he had "a
moral mandate" for his Disabled Persons Bill, which seeks to make further provision for access to public buildings for disabled people. More than half of the 635

More than half of the 635 MPs have signed the all-party motion calling for legislative action. But his Bill has been blocked during the past three weeks on days allocated to private members' Bills by MPs who have shouted "Object" when there has been a chance for it to go through "on the nod".

Health and Social Security, who health and Social Security, who has responsibility for the disabled, and Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary of State in the Department of the Environment, to clear up ambiguities on the effect the Bill would have on planning laws.

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"There are still some drafting problems to be overcome and I have some worries about the timetable for the Bill". Mr. Wigley said yesterday, "but otherwise it appears that there is every prospect of making is every prospect of making

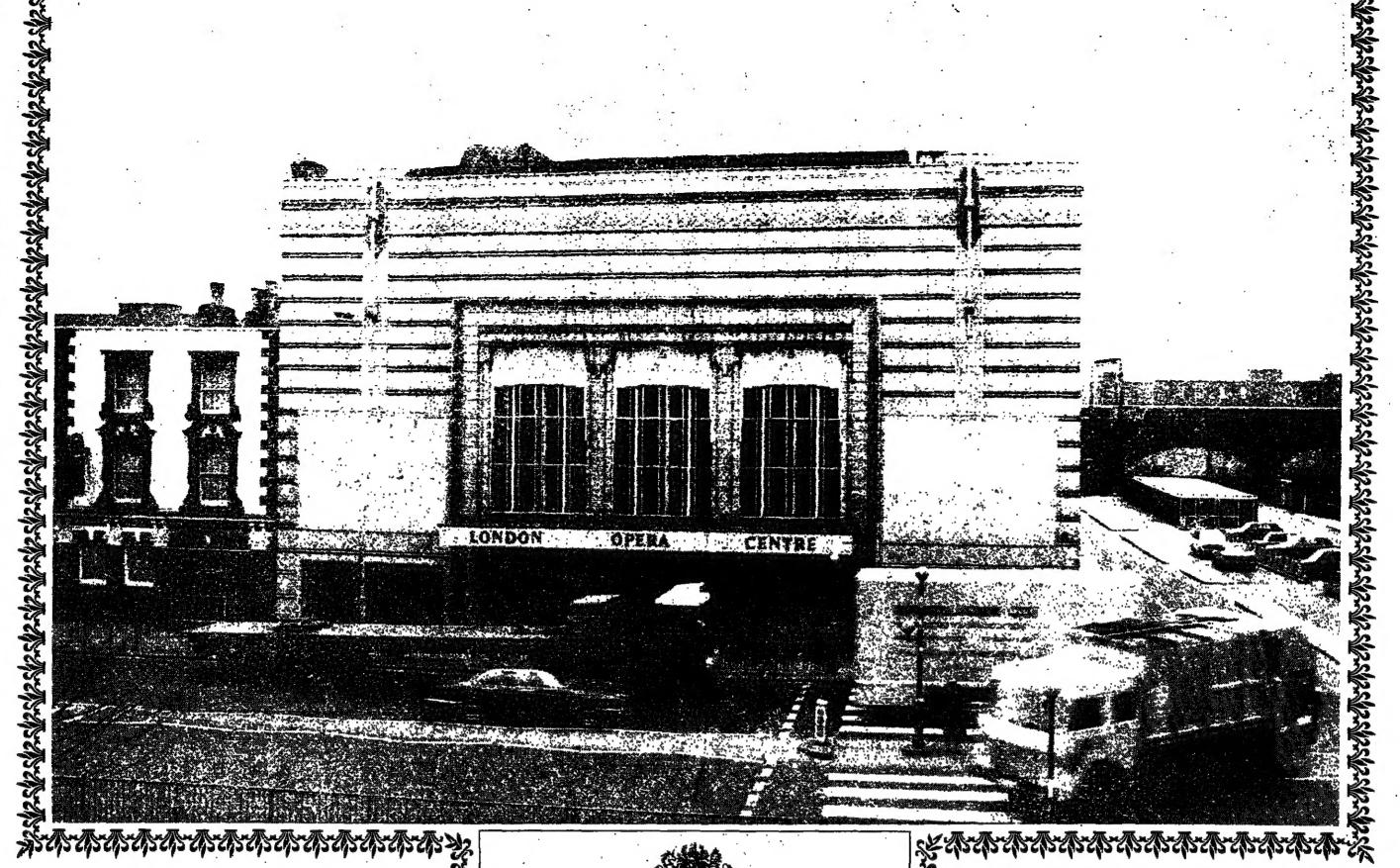
law, according to a report put lished yesterday by th National Association of Citzens' Advice Bureaux (a Staf Reporter writes). A survey conducted by the

Chapeltown bureau has showl that the total of unclaimed benefits among 39 households of disabled, housebound people picked at random, was £9,000 a

One of the biggest categorics of unclaimed benefit, some 36 per cent of the sample, was attendance allowance, the bene-A delegation from the all-progress, albeit with a rather party disablement group, including Mr Jack Ashley (Lab, Stoke-Unclaimed benefits: Thousands attendance allowance, the benefit for disabled people Disability Project Report (NACAS, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2).



turned. The coroner, Mr Howard AicCann, said: "He was a con-scientious young man who bad perhaps become the victim of the economic climate". but their sex will not be known until adult plumage grows.



N the picture above you see what used to be the Troxy Cinema. It is now the London Opera Centre. Situated far down the Commercial Road, it isn't really central to anything. Yet for the past 16 years this is where Covent Garden operas have been rehearsed, a good hour's journey from the Royal Opera House itself.

The Royal Ballet fares no better It rehearses in Hammersmith, several miles in the other direction.

The massive sets in which the artists appear can be found, if you know where to look, stacked in more than a dozen warehouses all over London and as far away as Maidstone in Kent.

It all points, obviously, to lack of space. There is no room backstage at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. There is no room to rehearse, no room to make up, to wash or to change, no room to eat, to relax, to store the hundreds of costumes. There is no room to change scenes.

THE BACKSTAGE DRAMA.

Every measurement comparing Covent Garden's backstage facilities with those of other major opera houses in Europe and the USA shows our own to be unbelievably impractical.

With a performing stage hardly smaller than that of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, Covent Garden has less than onethird of the Met's dressing-room and rehearsal space.

The Met has 17,500 square feet of rear and side stage in which to manipulate vast operatic sets during performances and between productions. Our Royal Opera House has no rear stage and no side stage at all.

Conditions which a Parliamentary subcommittee described as "appalling" over 10 years ago have to be enormously improved if the Royal Opera House is to carry on functioning. These improvements entail an initial development plan that will cost at least £9 million.

The Royal Opera House Development Appeal, launched early in 1979, has already raised considerable sums from HM Govern-

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, urgently needs funds for modernisation.

ment, the Greater London Council and private sources. These last have ranged from the pocket-money of young ballet and opera lovers to the thousands contributed by trusts and private companies, including 20 German firms operating in Britain.

The total needed was £7.8-million. Incredibly this was reached by November 1980. But, because of inflation, every month's delay has added £60,000 to the original building costs.

Phase One of the development, for which the balance of £850,000 is so desperately needed, will provide behind the existing Opera House a building almost as large again to accommodate opera and ballet studios, a chorus rehearsal room, dressing-rooms, an opera wardrobe, offices, improved wardrobe maintenance, general storage facilities and a stage-door complex. A later phase, for which further funds will be needed, will at last provide side and rear stage facilities and includes the reconstruction of about half the adjacent Floral Hall.

BRING YOUR OWN CARPETS.

Nothing has yet been said about working conditions during performances. Prima ballerinas and prima donnas (one of whom gamely brings her own carpets and curtains) are provided with embarrassingly mean dressing rooms that would disgrace the sleaziest of hotels, with the nearest shower and lavatory two flights of stairs away:

Inevitably the chorus comes off even worse. For a really large production as many as 100 members of the male chorus have to share a washroom with only four showers and 13 hand basins discharging into an open drain.

And so it goes on. And so, miraculously, do magnificent productions Night after night out of the backstage chaos comes - sometimes with tellingly long pauses between scenes - the illusion that all is well at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. The audience, at least, may count itself blessed. E. M. Barry's superb auditorium defines for many SASASASASASASASASASASASASASASASASAS people throughout the world what an opera house should be.

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Our Appeal has already raised over £8 million from numerous small donations as well as from a few very big ones.

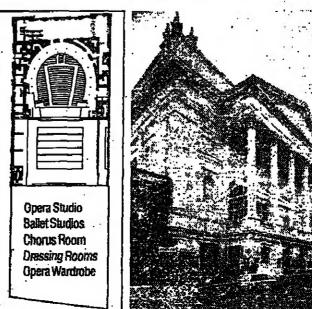
Please don't feel that the final £850,000 is hopelessly out of proportion to what you can afford. Anything at all will help—the price of a ticket, say.

Gifts of covenant greatly increase the value of any donation. For example, £20 covenanted overfour years is actually worth £100 to the Opera House: Or four companies each covenanting £1,000 will actually be giving £20,000 between them.

You can have more information about our plans and about covenants and interest-free loans from the address below: Or you can telephone 01-240 1200.

If you would simply like to send a cheque, please make it payable to Royal Opera House Development Appeal and send it to Director, Royal Opera House Development Appeal, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 7QA.

Royal Opera House Development Appeal.



Herr Franz Josef Strauss settles for mineral water before a speech yesterday at Passau in Bavaria. His wife, Marianne, tries something a little more Teutonic.

be intervening, a clear call to

the politicians to shoulder their responsibilities for saving

democracy.
The coalition idea has gained

??????? approval, ranging from the communists, who have

offered to support a coalition from outside, if the socialists join, to ABC, the conservative monarchist daily, which has spoken in favour of a coalition

twice in three days. Prosecutions approved: Spanish

publications that approved last

week's coup attempt are to be prosecuted, Señor José Maria Gil Albert, the state prosecutor announced in Madrid today.

He also said that right-wing extremists who chanted slogans

supporting Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero Molina at a

public meeting last Sunday in Murcia, will be prosecuted.

Murcia, will be prosecuted. Colonel Tejero led the take-over

of the Cortes.-Agence France-

Officers indicted: With right-

wing terrorists threatening an atrocity in the northern Basque

country, military authorities indicted 23 right-wing officers today for their part in the

attempted coup.
The Spanish Basque battalion,

blamed for 21 assassinations last year, claimed the killing of a

of the most prominent nationa-

lists in a single night", an

customs classification.

With them went Mr Kouris, who drove directly to the airport in an attempt to fly abroad. He was detained on the

ground that a court sentence had been passed on him. Mr Ioannis Stamoulis, his

counsel, said tonight that his client had been illegally detained at the airport for one and a half hours before the court's verdict was passed.

Mr Kouris was later escorted to Korydallos prison, near Piraeus, to serve his sentence. His brother, Mr George Kouris,

the publisher of the daily news-paper Arriani is in London. He was sentenced to four

He was sentenced to four years imprisonment for suggest-

rears imprisonment for suggesting in his newspaper that
President Karamanl is, when he
was Prime Minister, had misappropriated a cheque for
55m (2.3m) donated by Mrs
Christina Onassis in aid of the
Greek armed forces. Proof was

Presse.

Coalition seen as best chance of saving the Spanish democracy

Madrid, March 4

under pressure to form a coaltion government in order to the problems raised by last week's attempted military

Schor Calvo Sotelo chose last Thursday, when forming his administration, to continue with the Suarez ministers, all from the Centre Democratic Union

political leaders, both Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialisis' secretary-general, and Senor Manuel Fraga, leader of the conservative Democratic Coalition, spoke in favour of a

Leaders of industry and the business community, previously opposed to the Socialists in covernment, appear to be more in favour of a coalition. They see it as the best way that Spain can demonstrate its attachment to the European democratic model and the European Com-

munity.
Today, Señor Calvo Sotelo
first saw Señor Jordi Pujol,
Chief Minister of the Chief Minister of the Generalitat, the Catalans' autonomous regional government. The Socialists are said to be thinking in terms of five Cabinet posts if they are invited to join with an equivalent num-ber of civil governorships— the Spanish version of the prefectorial system in

provinces, Senor Gonzalez, in an interview with El Pois the independent daily, said it was clear tinue this approach for party that Spain's democratic neigh reasons but Senor Calvo Sotelo bours were "not doing all they is a pragmatist. could" to help save this country's new democracy.

But he also said that any Spanish politicians to sink party Spaniards who might sympa-Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, thize with the plotters must ship would cost Spain its links with the democracies and its hopes of European integration.

The Socialists would be making big sacrifices in a coalition, he said, but he gave EEC membership and the strengthening of Spain's democratic institutions as prime reasons why all political forces now had to make an effort to But today, as he met various agree a programme of government until 1983, the date fixed by the constitution for the next

general election. Sedor Fraga, who argues for government of national salv-on" as the answer, said that a broad-based government would not upset the military and was the only way to prevent a new anti-constitutional attempt to seize power.

If things simply went on as before, he warned Senor Calvo Sotelo, there would be a new attempt to seize power because the causes which led to the attempted coup—terrorism and the absence of proper communications between politicians and the military and between the military and the King—would remain.

The Prime Minister rejected the Socialist leader's first public offer during the Cortes debate last week, preferring the formula, of concerted cooperation on certain basic issues, notably strengthening the democratic

He may feel obliged to con-

reasons but Senor Calvo Sotelo anonymous telephone caller told the newspaper Deia. He also said: "Long live Spain and Juan Carlos has twice urged long live Tejero".—UPI.

Terrorists shoot Turkish differences. In his audience with the leaders after the attempted diplomats coup he gave a warping that the monarchy could not always

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 4

Armenian terrorists struck again in Paris today. A Turkish diplomat was killed and another seriously injured by two gunment at lunchrine in the Rue Amelot, near the Bastille.

An anonymous caller later informed the French news agency in excellent French that responsibility for the killing was claimed by the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia. "Our struggle is against the fascist regime and will continue until the complete liberation of Armenian ter-ritories," the caller added.

The shooting took place when three members of the Turkish Embassy staff left their offices in an annexe of the embassy which deads with Turkish workers in France and were getting into their parked car on the corner of the Rue Amelor. One was already in the driver's seat and the others were about to get into the car when two men opened fire with automatic weapons. Witnesses said that they fired about 10 shots. One of their guns was fitted with a silencer

Mr Tecelli Ari, aged 35, the Assistant Labour Attache of the embassy, collapsed on the seat of the car. The other two worker yesterday and threat-ened a mass attack that political sources said would spur the military into new rebellion. attempted to escape and one succeeded in taking cover in a shop near by. But Mr Resat Morali, aged 37, the Labour Attaché, fell a few yards away, We are organized to kill 200 farally injured. The two gun-men fled on foot in the direc-tion of the Bastille Metro

A few minutes later police States inadequacy to guarantee arrested a young man at the station who was found to be in Western security as it has done possession of a revolver. But it was later established that the calibre of his weapon did nor correspond to the numerous bullet marks found on the vehi cles and its barrel was cold. He was not an Armenian. He was detained for further question ing however.

Mr Resat Morali was married Mr Kesal Morall was married to a Frenchwoman and had three children. He had been in France for 12 years. He is the third Turkish diplomat to be assassinated in the French capital in the last five years by the same organization which has also been responsible for bomb attacks against Turkish organizations in Paris. France accused: The Turkish

Government condemned the assassination and said France had not raken necessary steps to prevent such attacks (AP reports from Ankara).

The attack clearly demonstrates the existence of a secret

Armenian terrorist organiza-tion", Mr Ilhan Evlivaoglu, the Tourism Minister, said, He said the French authorities "have failed to take necessary measures to prevent such amacks by suspected Armenian ter-

rorists.

He called on France to "take inumediate and effective mea-

Dali works stolen

Paris, March 4.—Salvador Dali etchings worth £54,500 were stolen from a left-luggage locker at a Paris railway station, police said today.

Editors charged with spreading false information From Our Correspondent

Valletta, March 4 Mr Michael Schiavone, the Mario, a reporter of In Nazzjon Taghna, the newspaper of Melta's opposition Nationalist Party, were charged today with the spreading of false informa-

Mr. Charles Grechorr, the editor, and Mr Victor Aquilina, a reporter of the independent daily The Times, as well as Mr Michael Mallia, the company's manager, were also charged in a magistrate's court with spreading talse information. The charges emanate from

reports carried by the two newspapers last month about the alleged throwing of an explosive at a group of industrialists as they left the offices of the Federation of Industries.

Mr Mallia is understood to be one of the industrialists in the group and his charge includes the passing on of a fragment of emplosive to a newspaper, which was unauthorized to receive it, thus hindering the

Tax returns burnt

investigation.

Paris, March 4.-A grudging taxpayer was blamed today by police for a fire which destroyed 300 incometax returns in a Puris town hall elsewhere. December, lat letter-box. The defence lawyers walked clandestinely.

clinic were given prison sentences today for carrying out abortions after the legal

limit of 10 weeks, for exceeding the legally permitted number of abortions in the clinic and for charging excessive fees for

The vardict was greeted with protests in the public gallery. The heavest ventence was six years imprisonment and a fine of 120,000 francs (\$10,000).

Five of the sentences were

In his summing up, the public prosecutor condemned all who practised illegal abortions

habitually. He rejected the political argument that the clinic had dealt with cases of distress; which state hospitals

Defence counsel for one of

court that the law legalizing This example will fill the airabortion under strict conditions craft for England and will not

was the only big reform of reduce the number of abortions President Giscard d'Estaing's in France."

the doctors had earlier said in

suspended.

refused to handle.

given jail sentences

Greek publisher arrested at Athens airport From Morio Modiano out of the courtroom when the out of the courtroom when the appeal judges rejected their request that Mr Rallis should be asked to produce some articles of sportswear to establish the difference in the Athens, March 4 Mr Makis Kouris, a Sunday newspaper publisher, was arres-

ted at Athens airport today while attempting to leave the country, just before the Appeal Court here confirmed his twoyear prison sentence for defamarion of Mr George Rallis, the Prime Minister.
The court upbeld the verdict

of a lower court which ruled that Mr Kouris's paper Airiani bad slandered Mr Rallis by claiming that he had used his influence to lower the customs duties on sportswear imported and sold in Greece by his wife's

The court accepted that the custom's classifications had remained unchanged since 1962, when neither Mr Rallis was was in the sportswear business. Mr Rallis who took the stand at today's hearing, accused Mr Kouris and his newspaper of trying to undermine his prestige as Prime Minister by

esorting to calumnies.
While he spoke a slight earthtremor caused a shower of plaster dust to fall from the ceiling, already damaged by last week's severe shock. This prompted pleas by the lawyers that the pleas by the lawyers that the law courts should be moved during the hearings last prompter. Later left the country tremor caused a shower of plas-ter dust to fall from the ceiling, donation had been recorded in

"But, from religious convic-tion or an attitude of corporate

defence, part of the medical profession refuses to accept the idea of the freedom of women.

and has done its best to put brakes on the application of the

The women of the poor district of Paris where the clinic was located, were under-privileged and less well informed than those of the wealthy classes. Out of 14 cases before the court, there were

before the court there were three minors, four abandoned

three minors, four abandoned women and three ill ones who were afraid of having subnormal children.

If the doctor had been cantious, he would have sent this buman misery on its way, counsel said. "But one wants to make an example of him. Thic example will fill the significant wants to make an example of him.

Doctors at abortion clinic

Italians lose their faith in the political system

From Our Own Correspondent term in office. "It has given Eight doctors from a Paris women the sovereign right to decide subjectively their fate in sentences today for carrying full knowledge of the facts."

From Peter Nichols Rome, March 4
Parties and politic full knowledge of the facts." Parties and politicians head the list of hat the public feels is rong ith Italy and needs to be changed, according to an opinion poll.

A long ay behind come the comparatively minor irritants of inflation, crime, terrorism and unemployment. The inquiry by the Doxa survey as conducted in Decem-

ber and the findings are pub-lished no et a time hen political life is passing through a period full of uncertainties. Various suggestions have been put forard in the past few months to bring some vitality to the political scene.

They include the Communist

decision to abandon the idea of seeking a place in a coalition with the governing Christian Democrats in favour of working for an administration actually led by the Communists, the Socialist bid for the prime ministership which until now has been a Christian Democrat monopoly and, most disturbing of all to the politicians, the

proposal put forward by Signor Bruno Visentini, chairman of the Republican Party, for a government free of ties with faction and much more indepen-dent of the parties which would seek individual majorities on issues as they rose.

The state of opinion reflected in the Doxa survey in part accounts for the somewhat desperate fertility with which these ideas are blooming. More than four fifths of those

Select Committee on Foreign Affairs was that the Guvern-ment did not seem to be doing anything at all to coordinate policies on arms sales among Western countries, and did not seem very keen even on making questioned thought that the seem very keen even on making an attempt.
"Everyone observes the man than 5 per cent thought it was doing well. On the seriousness and honesty of ministers, only 3 per cent thought all was well while almost 85 per cent thought that the ministers carried was their desired that the ministers carried was their desired to the seriousness of the seriousness of the seriousness of the seriousness their desired to the seriousness of the seriousnes datory arms embargo on South Africa and no Nato country sells arms to the Warsaw pact. Apart from that". Mr Hurd told the MPs, "there has not been an attempt to coordinate defence sales policy in the ried out their duties badly, of whom 57 per cent went as far as saying very badly. European Community or the

Most striking is the speed with which faith in the system has disappeared. In 1967, only 35 per cent felt they had a badly functioning state. Since then the proportion has more than doubled.

Islamic peace mission returning to Saudi Arabia after presenting proposals to Tehran

Tehran, March 4

An Islamic peace mission was due to return to Saudi Arabia tonight after presenting "basic elements" of a proposal to end the five-month Gulf war to the eaders of both Iran and Iraq. The 12-nember mission, representing seven Muslim countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization, left for Baghdad this afternoon

after a brief stop-over in Teh-ran and was due to fly on to Jiddah in the evening. Sources close to the talks said that much at this stage depended on the response of

the Iraqis to the proposals.

As these required an immediate Iraqi withdrawal after a ceasefire, the sources were not overoptimistic.
The official Pars news agency

reported that after arriving from Saudi Arabia this morning the delegation met Iran's Supreme Defence Council and presented a "plan to end the

Rather than a plan, however, they presented " some basic ele-ments of a settlement of the

This is a time for a general

review of political strategies and operational mechanisms in international affairs. The global balance of power and the map of the world have undergone sub-

stantial changes that demand a renewed examination of accep-

The latest such effort, already reported on by Richard Davy in this newspaper, is the joint report of the principal foreign affairs institutes of Britain,

In reading their analysis one

is struck by its similarity with most other reviews of the world

situation undertaken by experts and governments in the past

couple of years. This is a good

thing. It reveals the gradual emergence of a consensus in the

There is a consensus, first, in the assessment of those funda-

mental changes that affect

Western security: the relative increase in Soviet military

power; the explosive mixture

of Soviet weaknesses and strengths; the almost uncon-

trollable instability of the Third World; and the high degree of

Western dependence on resour-

ces in areas no longer controlled

There is also widespread

agreement (though with some

American reluctance to con-

cede this fact) about United

in the past almost by itself or with a limited amount of allied

support in some areas (mostly

From such premises the four

authors correctly draw the con-

clusion that a new alliance relationship must come into

Less than a year ago in Lon-don Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the

Japanese statesman, emphasized

all these points, which are com-mon to most Western analyses.

and suggested in a great speech that the making of Western

foreign policy should become

four authors go beyond this

First, they suggest that Europe should take a military

role beyond Nato borders, and

that Europe and Japan should

directly support the United States presence in the Gulf. The report also makes two

main proposals on policy co-ordination. The first is that the

seven pations summit meeting should be devoted to political as well as economic affairs and that a permanent secretariat should insure its systematic

a collective exercise".

West Germany and the

rance.

United States.

by the West.

Europe).

being.

assessment

preparation.

By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent A corner of the veil which.

A corner of the veil which shrouds British policy on arms sales was lifted yesterday and MPs were not alrogether happy with what they saw.

The basic facts were clear enough, as set out by Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Britain has about 5 per cent of the international arms trade, which purs this country fourth in the arms sales league, a long way behind

sales league, a long way behind the United States, the Soviet

Union and France.
But what worried MPs in the

alliance."
Why not? he was repeatedly asked. "Each country pursues its own policies in this respect". Mr Hurd explained, adding when pressed: "It's a

adding when pressed: "It's a arms as Britain, whi wery difficult area. It's highly ing less economic aid.

Time Nato reassessed

alliance relationship

World View

dispute", in the words of a diplomatic source close to the uzgotiations.

The source added that the plan involved supervision by neutral "Islamic observers" of a ceasetire and consequent withdrawal of Iraqi troops to borders fixed under the 1975 Algiers agreement.

Negotiations would then be held to revise that agreement, also with Islamic mediation. The source said that the delegation had suggested separating these negotiations from those over the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway between the two countries which would take much longer.

The delegation suggested that the waterway could meanwhile be supervised by independent observers to ensure free naviga-

The matter of the three Iranian islands at the entrance to the strategic Hormuz Strait at the mouth of the Gulf, which Iraq has insisted should he returned to Arab control, has not been brought up, the source Despite the plethors of hard-

East) coordinating policies and planning common actions.

powers: the United States, Britain, France, West Germany

and Japan, as well as some les

ser power especially interested in each particular crisis. The

first group, dealing with the Middle East, should be limited

Such an approach is one of the two main ones studied in recent years in the West. The

other approach would aim at setting up a permanent all-em-

bracing mechanism for the co-

ordination of Western foreign

policy, fashioned along lines similar to those of European

political cooperation, but includ-

ing the United States and Japan. The approach chosen by the

new report, based on the "prin-cipal powers" and on ad hoc

working groups, is more prac-tical: but it has the disadvant-

age of creating potential resent-

ment and alienation among the lesser powers. This could not

he avoided by just keeping them informed through Nato or the European Community.

since the report's publication, over the suggested Middle East

group. The protests have come

at once from Iraly, a marginal great power, which may have

less of a foreign policy voca-tion and less political stability

than the others, but which is equally vital to the alliance. Without Italy's decision to

accept the new Euromissiles there would be no nuclear force

being built by Nato, Italian

any new Western strategy for

Italy, as a marginal country between East and West with a

powerful Communist Party am-

undergo powerful neutralist of

third force temptations. If this

were Italy's choice, the whole East-West balance of power

There are, in my view, serious ojections to the "principal

powers" approach more than to the "special groups" idea. In the case of the Middle East the problem might be solved by

ust adding Italy to the other

problem—that of general policy-coordination between principal

powers and lesser powers— which will require further studies, in order to avoid the

constructive suggestions by the

four institutes causing unwanted damage to the alliance.

competitive. It would be foolish to take an attitude unless and until we had some indication that the attempt would be successful."

The Foreign Office's general policy, as set out in a memorandum prepared for the Select Committee, is "to support the

sale of arms abroad unless, in particular cases, there are com-pelling reasons for not doing

But several MPs clearly felt that Mr Hurd was altogether too phlegmatic about it. Mr

Feter Mills. Conservative MP for Devon, West, suggested that the French track record was ai-

ways to go ahead when others refused to supply arms. Mr Kevin MacNamara, Labour MP for Kingston-upon-Hull, Central.

argued that supplying arms to a country inevitably implied a degree of approval for the regime, which was dangerous.

Mr Hurd said each case for

arms sales was considered on its merits. So far as human

rights were concerned, two tests

were applied: was there a

rights in the country in ques-tion, and could defence equip-ment be used for purposes of internal suppression?

Mr Hurd noted that in the neriod 1974-78, the Soviet Union had supplied six times as many arms as Britain, while providing last second

The second is that groups of damage to the alliance.

principal nations should in Times Newspapers Ltd

eat with particular conflict 1981

Glimpse at arms sales

policy worries MPs

But there is a more general

the Middle East.

would be shattered.

And it has already happened,

to the big five.

officials in recent days, the delegation has been encouraged by Iran's response in the talks themselves.

" To a man everyone has been quite moderate", unother source close to the negotiations said. Only the President has spoken for the Iranians but none of the hardliners on the Defence Council have indicated any dissent. I really do not understand all these public positions. They are quite dif-ferent from reality."

One such statement came from Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai. the Prime Minister and a member of the Defence Council, 10night after the delegation had left. He said: "We shall, fight on and resist until the aggressor is identified and punished until it is completely certain the aggression has ceased and

its effects removed."

The reality it self is that the proposals as they stand would be very much to Iran's gain and Iraq's loss. The diplomatic sources conceded that they would represent a '

by Arrigo Levi | Peace move in Qantas dispute fails

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne. March 4

After 19 days and protracted efforts to reach an agreement, the dispute over Qantas Air-ways has still not been resolved. The special groups would always include the five main Farly this week, because of the severely depleted opera-tions of the airline, the Australian and New Zealand Gov-ernments brought in the Royal Australia Air Force to rescue stranded holidaymakers in hoth countries.

countries.

Last night in Sydney, Mr
Andrew Peacock, the Industrial
Relations Minister, Mr Cliff
Dolan, President of the Australian Council of Trade
Unions, and Mr Keith Hamilton, chief executive of Qantas,
met in a hotel to try to reach a
sertlement. Today it was
believed that a settlement had
been achieved but it emerged been achieved but it emerged that something had gone wrong when the parties confronted each other at the Arbitration

Commission. The decision by Mr Peacock to involve himself in direct negotiations for the first time came after yesterday's close vote by striking unionists to

stay out.

The dispute between the Australian Council, of Trade Unions and Quantas arose more than two weeks ago when the union organization banned the airline's new 747 special jets for 12 days as "punishment" for the alleged use by Qantas of non-union volunteer staff during an earlier dispute with stewards. Quntas refused to accept the ban and suspended staff who refused to work on the aircraft leading to about 4,000 employees walking out or being suspended.

Aircraft refuellers, who are members of the Transport Workers Union, blacked Quntas support is also indispensable for strengthening the Nato presence in the Mediterranean, which is in itself a priority in operations 10 days ago over the suspension. The airline has been forced to obtain extra fuel overseas to keep its services flying from Sydney. Qantas today placed advertisements in biguously hesitant between Nato and the Soviet Union, may all the main Australian daily newspapers setting out its side

the same lines as the prese isolation of this country world sport," an Azapo spoke man said.

The organization has alread and one modest success. A net formance by Lovelace Watking black American singer, which which was a second or the second of the sec was to have taken place in the gold-mining rown of Welko today, was called off as a result of a boycott by the local brain manager of Azapo.

Again has also not present

Blacklist of

entertainers

South Africa

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, March 4 After sportsmen, entertaine, are to be faced with the pr

are to be faced with the pr spect of being blacklisted they perform in South Africa The black consciousness Azania People's Organizato (Azapo) annunced today th it intended to draw up ar circulate internationally a blac list of entertainers similar the sporting blacklist which k the abandonment of the crick cost match against the We

test match against the We Indies in Guyana.

"The aim is to place Sou Africa into cultural isolation,"

who visit

Azapo has also put pressu on a rock group, known Supermax, which hegan a Sou African four today. The group manager said after a meetic wife Azapo in the morning the wift Azapo in the morning in although the group intended continue with its tour it no "fully understood" the position blacks in South Africa as members of the group would colain the situation when the returned to Europe.

A blacklist of entertainers unlikely, however, to have to same impact as the source of the columns of of

same impact as the sports or Azapo also announced tod that 12 of its members in were detained last October the black homeland of Lebos have ben freed. The men we held in connexion with a br cott of buses in the northe Transvaal. The boycott is re-tinuing in one black townsh near Pietershurg. Mr. Joseph Mavi and to

other executive committee members of the Black Muni-pay Workers' Union were tod cleared of charges of instigation and taking part in an illeg strike among the workers the Johannesburg city coun

UN accused of bias during Namibia debate

From Our Own Corresponder Johannesburg, March 4
Western hopes of revivi the United Nations settlems plan for Namibia have tak another knock following strong attack on alleged Unit Nations bias in favour of South-Wass Africa People South-West Africa People Organization (Swapa) by leading member of the inte nally-based, multi-cubnic Dem cratic Turnhalte Alliane

Speaking after the expulsion earlier this week of the Sou African representative from t General Assembly debate Namibia, Dr Ben Africa, t DTA's vice-president, said organization regarded Secur Council Resolution 435 (whi embodies the settlement plato be dead as long as the wor body failed to demonstrate

He said impartiality did t seem possible following to rejection of South Airic credentials during the Unit Nations debate. "We must me look for other ways to mo our country independent," said.

Zapu (the former name of

Nkomo's party) of this Gover

ment not being representati of the people and talk

will use victous methods."

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months Mr Mugabe resist

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From Stephen Taylor
Salisbury, March 4
Former Guerrillas loyal to Mr
Joshua Nkomo were still considering revolt against the

elected authority of the Government, Mr. Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, told Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, told that we use vicious methods." Parliament today.

He blamed "mutinous elements" of Zipra, the military wing of Mr Nkomo's Patriotic Front, for the clastes in Bulawayo and the midlands last

month in which more that 200 people were killed.

Answering questions in the restraints again in similar c House of Assembly. Mr Mugabe cumstances.

Agreement near on Caribbean conservation pact | and children

By Tony Samstag Scientists and lawyers from more than 20 countries in the Caribbean have agreed on a 53.1m (£1.4m) conservation programme for the region. The decision, taken at the end of a five-day meeting in Managua. Nicaragua, last week, is expected to be ratified by a ministerial conference in Jamaica next month.

An aircraft sent to pick the released hostages was refused landing permission. Kabul and was forced to return to Pakistan. No reason was given.

The negotiations for the results of the resu Of 66 projects considered ar

lust week's conference, 25 were defined as "high priority of common interest to the region" to be implemented over the next three years, according to a statement by the United Nations Environment Programme. Immediate action was recom-

mended for oil spill prevention, watershed management, a technical survey, and environmental education of secondary and university level in the four languages of the region: Dutch, English, French and Spanish.
The conference also appraved the creation of a Caribbean trust fund, to which most of the countries in the region would contribute. Similar regional agreements have been signed by governments in the Mediterraneau and

Kabul hijackers free women

Islamabad, March 4.—The h
Jackers of a Pakistani airlim
with 148 people on board s
free 27 women and children:
Kabul airport today.
An aircraft sent to pick u

lease of the possengers have un into diplomaric difficultie caused by Pakistan's refusal trecognize the Soviet-installe Afghaa Government, diplomatin Islamabad reported.—Reutet

Christmas Island phosphate deal Wellington, March 4.—No Zealand is to hand over it Christmas Island phosphate

mining operation to Australisubject to ratification by the British Government, Mr Duncar MacIntyre, the deputy Princ Minister, said today.

New Zealand would have the circle to provide the ball. right to purchase up to half the island's phosphate output At present the British Phos phate Commissioners undertake the mining operation as managing agents.-Reuter.

OVERSEAS____

Poles promise Soviet leadership swift action to end anarchy

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 4 President Brenzhnev

senior colleagues in the Soviet Polithuro today held what amounted to a sumplit meeting with Mr Stanliay Kania, the Pulish party secretary. General Wojciech Jazurelski, the Prime Minister, and other key figures in the Polish Communist Party, At the meeting the Poles gave a pledge that they would act swiftly to overcome anarchy

and disarrey in their country.

Mr Kania, who was in Moscow wor the Soviet party congress, left for home afterwards, the last of the East European

In a lengthy communique published this evening both sides sold what they called im-perialism and internal reaction were huping the political and economic crisis would lead to a weakening of communism in Poland and abroad, This therefore made a "firm and resolute rebuff" to such dangerous attempts "particularly press-

In a specific evocation of the so-called Brezhney doctrine they declared: "The socialist community is inseparable. De-fence of it is the cause not only of each state but also of the entire socialist cualition.

The communique said the Soviet people had confidence that Poland would be a "reliable link" in the sociolist com-munity, a clear reference to its important position in the War-Both sides agreed that the Polish party had the strength and possibilities to turn the course of events and eliminate

the dangers hanging over what were called "the socialist gains of the Polish people". In his address to the congress last week. Mr Kania made a strong plea for Poland to be allowe dto solve its difficulties on its own, saying his party had the strength to prevent counter-revolution in the country. By contrast. Mr Brezhnev bad carlier spoken more ambiguously about not abandoning the Soviet Union's ally in its bour of need, and be declared that the "rillars of socialist society" were in peril.

Mr Brezhney had been ex-

pected to hold talks with Mr Kanis, as he has done with all the Eost European leaders who attended the congress, except President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania. But this meeting was clearly of greater importance.

Present with Mr Brezhnev were all those Polithuro mem- far in fa hers with direct responsibilities through.

for areas where the Russians teel events in Poland pose a threat; Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, Mr Yuri the Prime Minister, Mr Yuri Andropov, head of the KGB security police, Mr Mikhail Suslov, the guardian of communist ideology, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, Marshal Dmirry Ustinov, the Minister of Defence, and Mr Konstantin Rusakov, the party secretary responsible for relations with other ruling parties.

The communique spoke of the "common approach" of both sides to the Polish crisis, and the "heartfelt" atmosphere at roday's meeting.

Nevertheless, there are indica-tions that the Russians are still for from happy with the situa-tion in Poland in spite of the present lull, and with their party congress now out of the way, are in a better position to urge the Poles to take tougher measures to restore things to what Moscow regards as normal. Moscow's viewpoint was un-doubtedly put strongly at today's meeting.

Demands for reform: Containing the tide of demands, some of which would change the basic concepts on which the Polish Communist Party has been resting for decades, has become the paramount element in the discussions between the central party authority and the rank and file (Dessa Trevisan writes from Warsawj.

The Polish workers' revolt of last summer has provoked a soul searching dehate within the party's three million members and meetings preparing the agenda for the ninth party congress are calling for fundamental changes to give the

grass roots more control. The question is how far can the Communist Party go in reform. Already it is clear that the divisions have not been bridged. The plenary session of the commission entrusted with preparation for the congress with representatives from the regions, which was due to he held next week, has been

postponed.
There are three main trends. The leadership under Mr Stanis-law Kania is convinced of the necessity for renewal. The reluctant conservatives entrenched in the vast bureaucratic apparatus are fighting a rearguard battle. The rank-and-file majority, according to ominion polls, is pushing for transforma-tion but is still sceptical of bow far in fact this can be carried

Mr Reagan tries to allay fears of 'new Vietnam'

From Clive Cookson

President Reagan tried last night to reassure his foreign policy critics who fear that the United States' growing military involvement in El Salvador could lead to "snother Vict-nam".

In a television interview Mr Reagan said he saw "no parallels at all " with the first phase of American military aid to South Vietnam. About thirty American military advisers are already in El Salvador, and the Administration announced yesterday that it would send another 20 to help the ruling junta, but the President empha-sized that they would not be-come involved in combat.

"They train recruits in the garrison area and, as a matter of fact, we have such training teams in more than 30 countries today", Presidem Reagan said.

However liberal Democrats in Congress were not placated. Forty-three members of the House of Representatives have sent the President a telegram warning him that one or more American advisers might be killed by the rebels in El Sulvador American advisers might Sulvador. American casualties, they said, might force the United States into another Victorian or a humiliating with

But Senator Paul Trongus of Massachusetts, one of their Democratic colleagues on the Senate foreign relations com-mittee, conceded that the liberals were in a minority.

President Reagan touched on many foreign policy issues during his hour-long interview with Mr Walter Cronkite, America's best-known television news anchorman, who retires from CBS this week. He was extremely cautious in response to Mr Cronkite's questioning about President Brezhnev's suggestion of a summit meet-

We could talk a lot better if there was some indication priests and nuns called for the that they truly wanted to be a termination of all military aid member of the peace-loving to the El Salvador junta and



President Reugan discussing a trip planned by former President Gerald Ford.

Mrs Thatcher admits mistake?

Mr Reagan revealed that Mrs Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, told him while she was in Washington that she thought she had made a mistake by introducing her economic policies in a "piecemeal" way 10 Britain.

negotiated settlement of the

civil war.
The statement said the military aid had three negative consequences: "It identifies the United States, at least symbolically, with the repressive role of the security forces whose actions have been con-sistently criticized by the church in El Salvador; it in-creases the risk of wider military intervention; and it jeopardizes a constructive role the United States might play in the conflict ".

The statements signatories said they found profoundly disturbing the decisions taken

military aid of weapons and ammunition and finally to propose even more significant in-creases for the future." Moscow bewildered: Soviet off:cials today expressed bestider-ment at President Reagan's

statement making a summit meeting contingent upon a good-will gesture by Moscow, perhaps in Afghanistan (Agence France-Presse reports from Moscow). The American response to the

Brezhnev proposal came like a cold shower in Moscow, where spokesmen at the just concluded Soviet party congress went out of their way to press their call for an East-West dialogue.

"They did not go unnoticed in the Soviet Union" Mr Leonid Zamyatin, Mr Brezhnev's spokesman, said of the American reactions. South Africa pleased : Mr P. W.

Botha, the South African Prime Minister, today welcomed Mr Reagan's statement acknowledg-ing South Africa's strategic importance (Reuter reports from Andrei

\$32,600m rise sought in US defence budget

Washington, March 4.—President Reagan asked Congress today to add \$32,600m (\$15,000m) to the Carter de-feace budget for the next 18 months, including funds for a new manned bomber and other weapons programmes.

Mr Reagan's proposed additions to the Pentagon budget inveiled by his defeated predecessor in January would authorize \$1,300,000m (2600,000m) for the five years starting in 1982. This is nearly \$200,000m more than Mr Carter

As well as the bomber, the Reagan plan calls for building a sixth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, reactivating two Second World War battleships and obtaining dozens of other ships and hundreds of aircraft and tanks beyond what Mr Carter proposed for the last half of the current 1981 financial year and for 1982

Ir also proposes nearly to double spending for defence of the Gulf and Indian Ocean area, including strengthening the United States rapir deployment force and improvements to State Department positions,-military installations on the AP.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the

Defence Secretary, in unveiling the new budget to Congress, said the proposed increases over the next five years would redress the military balance with the Soviet Union and restore American strategic nuclear deterrence.

Mr Reagan made what he called American military inferiority relative to the Soviet Union a campaign issue in his quest for the presidency. He proposed today military budger authority of 5178,000m this year. 56,800m above the Carter request. For the 1982 financial

gear starting on October 1, he asked for \$22,200m, an increase of \$25,800m.

Eagleburger post: Despite opposition by some conservatives, President Reagan said today he will nominate My-Lawrence Eagleburger, a former assistant to Dr. Henry Kissinger, to be Assistant Secre-Kissinger, to be Assistant Secre-tary of State for European Affairs. Mr Eagleburger, who is 50, has held several previous

Close Brezhnev associates join Central Committee

close relations and associates of President Leonid Brechnes. who is the Soviet party leader, have been moved up to the Communist Party's Central Comminee, according to lists published in Pravda today. Mr Yuri Brezhner, the First Mr Yuri Brezhnev, the First Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, who is the party leader's son, became one of 151 candidate (non-voting) members of the Central Commintee. Lieutenant-General Yuri Churbanov, the First Deputy Interior Minister, who is Mr Brezhoev's son-in-law, was moved to the same level.

President Brezhnev's posi-tion was further strengthened by the promotion of Mr Andrei Alexandrov-Agentov, a senior personal aide, from

candidate to full Contral Committee member, while another aide. Mr Anaroly Blatos, became a candidate member. The party congress, which ended yesterday with the reelection of an unchanged Politburo and Secretariat, expanded the policy-making Central Committee from 287 to 319 full members and from 139 to 151 candidate members. Several senior officers from the armed forces moved into the Central Committee as full members, while at least three ligures fro the KGB security police were promoted to the same level. They included General Semyon Tsviguo, the First Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Security.—

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Fresh Libya threat to kill enemies

Colonel Moammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, appears to have sanctioned a renewal of the international assassination campuign against opponents of

In a speech to mark the fourth anniversary of the establishment of "people's congresses" in Libya this week, he declared that "the masses have the right to liquidate their enemies at home and abroad " Last night, Tripoli radio carried a statement saying that Libyah revolutionary commit-tees had "reaffirmed their determination to continue the physical liquidation campaign against the enemies of the people at home and abroad ". The colonel's words should not, perhaps, be taken too liter-ally. The Libyan leader uses rhetoric with more freedom than most Arab heads of state. Nevertheless, Libyan assas-sination squads accounted for more than a dozen political murders in Britain, West Ger-many, France, Lebanon and Greece last year, and few Euro-

Mr Begin pained by hostility

ferusalem, Milich 4 Israel's relations with a number of leading European countries are coming under in-creasing strain which has further lessened the chances of official cooperation here with any proposed European peace initiative in the Middle East.

In a bitterly worded speech today, Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, condemned the suggestion made in a recent uropean working paper that Israel should withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories in exchange for foreign security guarantees and normal ties with the Arab states.

Speaking in the Knesset to an audience of former French paratroopers, Mr Begin said:
"With deep pain, I must say lately the official policy towards Israel of several European countries—including France—is absolutely negative and sometimes incomprehensible".

The question of proposed arms sales to Saudi Arabia prompted Israeli diplomatic anger against West Germany in particular, and also Britain and Italy.

Building of Jerusalem

suburbs speeded up

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, March 4

It was disclosed this week Labour administration.

Mr Uri Oreg. spoke that in the two years since the signing of the Camp David accord there has been a nearly

Government's intensifying cam-paign in the run-up to the June general election is expected to lessen further any chance of a Palestinian autonomy agreement being reached with Egypt.
According to Mr David Levy,
Israel's Housing Minister, 8,000
housing units have been constructed in the mushrooming new suburbs since 1979, nearly

three times the previous highest rate achieved since the land was annexed after the Six-Day The new flats are sufficient to house more than 28,000 Jews,

to house more than 28,000 Jews, many of whom will be encouraged to move by heavily subsidized house prices.

During a heavily guarded walkabout in three of the new Jerusalem suburbs and their towering apartment blocks, Mr

Jerusalem, March 4

Recent statistics have shown a sharp acceleration in Israeli plans to encircle Jerusalem with new Jewish suburbs in an effort to frustrate any future international attempts to redivide the city as part of a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Minister, was shown convincing encouraged that his Government has embarked upon what one official described as "perhaps the largest housing scheme of its kind in the world". It is estimated that about 90,000 Jews are already Jiving in the new suburbs, many of which were established under the previous

the Housing Ministry, told reporters accompanying the tour: "This Government is cou-

birthrate and the continuing immigration of Arabs to Jerusalem from the West Bank.

The tour began in Gilo, a Jewish suburb sprouting from

Under the Government's plan. the town-which is situated just inside the West Bank some five miles from Jerusalem

Israeli move to frustrate redivision

Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, was shown convincing

nations of the world". Mr Reagan said, But he declined to

set any "hard and fost" pre-conditions for a meeting with the Soviet President or to say whether Moscow would first have to commit justif to a troop withit would form Afaboution.

The President made friendly

noises about South Africa, noting that many South Africans

were tryin2 to get rid of apartheid. "As long as there is a sincere and honest effort"

being made to do so, the United States should try to be helpful to South Africa, he

Catholics caution: The hier-

archy of the Roman Catholic

Church in the United States

today urged President Reagan

to halt the increase in military

aid to El Salvador, warning

him that "it increases the risk of wider military intervention" (AP reports from Washing-

In a joint statement, the three principal organizations representing Catholic bishops,

withdrawal from Afghanistan

three-fold increase in the annual number of new homes built for Jewish families in areas of the city conquered from the Arabs in 1967.

The deliberate publication of the figures as part of the Government's intensifying cam-1979, the ratio of Jews to Arabs in the Holy City had been drepping year by year because of two factors: the higher Arab

the Judean hills less than two miles from the centre of the occupied Arab town of Bethlehem. Already the drub looking suburb has over 10,000 Jewish

-is destined to become a dormisory city with 35,000 Jewish residents and a new access road to Tel Aviv.

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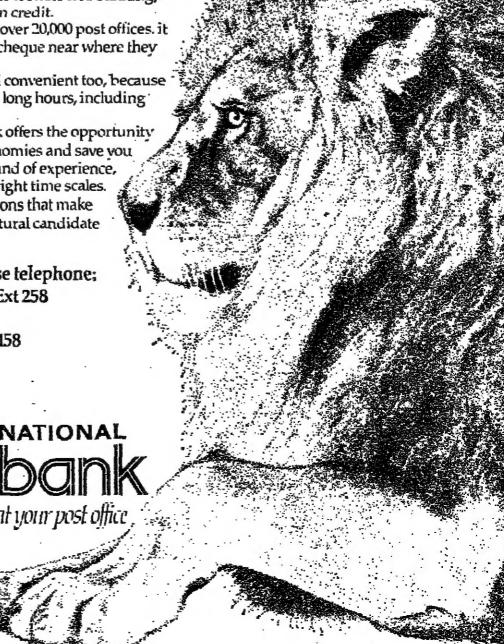
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Caste remains an abrasive in Indian society

From Trevor Fishlock Delhi, March 4

Few days pass in India without the newspapers reporting fresh manifestations of caste conflict. Beating, shooting, rape and mutilation are added almost daily to a dismal catalogue. Caste is part of the framework of Indian society and also one of its enduring

nean governments are likely to ignore the latest remarks.

violence in the western state of Gujarat, which has so far cost 25 lives and appears to be growing more bitter, is a caste conflict rooted in a government Policy which attempts, in a well-meaning egalitarian spirit. to confront one of the central issues and enigmas of Indian

The constitution says: "The state shall promote with special care the education and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people". Since independence these words have been translated into action through the policy of reserving places in colleges and government offices for Harijans (Mahatma Gandhi's name for Untouchables) and for tribal people, who make up about a sixth of the population.

But according to a growing body of opinion the quota sys-tem is getting out of hand. It is argued that the noble purpose enshrined in the constitution, which outlawed untouchability, has become distorted in praclice and that the contradictions in the policy sharpen rather than mitigate caste differences. Critics contend that caste has become one of the important Commodities in the political

market, with politicians promis-ing larger job quotas in ex-

Change for votes. Positive dis-



crimination creates resentment where people are given jobs on caste grounds rather than on merit, and causes trouble in cases where well-off harijans are allotted places and jobs at the expense of poor upper-caste people whose need is evidently

A harijan is not always at the bottom of the economic heap. Anger has grown among those in the upper castes who believe it is now they who are victim-ized on caste grounds. In Gujarat the quota system

is being fiercely attacked and stourly defended. Until recently a quarter of post-graduate places in medical colleges were held for harijans and others of what are called the backward classes. But gradually the allotment has been increased to half. In a few specialications even more places are held for the backward classes.

Anti-quota agitation by upper caste medical students and counter demonstration by Harijans have brought turmoit to several parts of the state. Police have fired on rioters and the Army has been called in to help keep order. More than 60 tex-tile mills have been closed by striking Harijan workers proful force in Hindu society and to a considerable extent still determines a man's place in

It is part and parcel of Hindu ideas of life, rebirth and pre-destination, and clearly has a stabilizing or ordering effect in society. But for the lower orders it is also an instrument of repression and is therefore cause of violence.

The system had its origins in four castes, broadly speaking the priests, soldiers, farmers and artisans. The rest were the untouchables. Now there are said to be 3,000 castes, with numerous sub-castes.

Modern conditions and influences, especially the growth of education, travel and the de-velopment of urban societies. have gone some way to eroding traditional caste barriers. In cities a different style of life and enforced mixing and sharing in public transport, restaurants and cinemas have helped

to make caste less important. Most caste strife originates in the countryside. Harijans tend to be confined to their traditional menial tasks, live separately in villages and draw water from different wells. Belief that Untouchables concaminate leads to the practising of an apartheid extraordinarily

complex in its detail. Ill-treatment of Harijans has been commonplace for centuries. Atrocities in which Harijans and tribal people are victims have increased threefold in three years according to the Commis-sioner for Scheduled Castes. Much of the trouble in rural India today is caused by land

testing against the students' feuds as peasants, mostly Hari-campaign. jans and low castes, try to claim their rights, and become the victims of landlords who jans and low castes, try to claim their rights, and become the victims of landlords who resort to murder and maining to resist the pressure.

Prejudice is not a one-way affair. A few days ago Harijan villagers cut off the nose of a Harijan girl who had offended by marrying into a higher caste. Marriage is still a sensitive and important area where caste lines are concerned.

In more educated circles pre-judice and superstition are still there, even if more covert. After When a former deputy prime minister, a Harijan, unveiled a statue two years ago, high caste

Hindus gave it a wash after he had gone, because he had touched it. Recently a Harijan presented an idol worth £2,700 to a temple, but priests stopped him enter-ing the temple because his pre-sence would have polluted it.

In the generation since inde-pendence India has made huge strides in agriculture, industry and education, and living standards have been raised re-markably. But improvement has been offset by large growth in population, so that in spite of all the advances more than two-fifths of the people live below the poverty level. Pressure on land has grown, and this is one

of the factors in caste conflict. Many Indians are anxious to find ways of lessening tensions while bettering the lives of those traditionally kept under the heel. But the caste structure itself is a part of India that

Unesco 'is

journalists?

The International Press Institute, which represents more

than 1,800 editors from over

60 countries, ended its annual

assembly here tonight after approving resolutions on South Africa Argentina, Portugal. South Korea and moves through Unesco to impose further restrictions on the news media.

The institute referred to

The institute referred to Unesco's recent moves to implement measures designed to protect journalists, and says it has no confidence that certain governments, through Unesco. can be trusted with the task of protecting journalists. The latest moves, the resolution adds. were "yet another attempt to license journalists while professing to protect them".

trying to

license

Nairobi, March 4

Thai Premier hopes to form new Government by weekend after nine more ministers resign

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, March 4 The divided coalition Government of Thailand broke up today with the resignation of nine more Cabinet ministers, including most of those in

Hongkong, March 4. — Sir Murray MacLehose, the Gover-nor of Hongkong, will visit London next week for talks with Lord Carrington, the Poreign Secretary, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, and Mr John Biffen, the Trade Secretary, His six-day visit pre-

Secretary, His six-day visit pre-cedes Lord Carrington's visit to

Sie Murray will explain Hong-

kong reactions to the British Nationality Bill and the recent

increases in the fees of Hong-kong students in England.

Canberra, March 4.—Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, criticezed the

Soviet Ambassador, Mr Nikolai Soudarikov, accusing him of attempting to threaten

attempting to threaten Australia. Mr Fraser said in

Parliament that Mr Soudarikov

had told journalists that Australia could become a

nuclear target because of its friendship with the United

New Defence Minister

Cairo, March 4.—President Anwar Sadat of Egypt today appointed Lieurenant-General Muhammad Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala as Minister of Defence

and commander of the armed forces, the Middle East News. Agency soid.

Yemen's former Interior and

Foreign Minister, has been exe-cuted in Aden after being con-

victed of dealings with Saudi

Arabian intelligence, the Beirut newspaper As-Saiir said today.

las Vegas, March 4.-About

1,600 gamblers and guests were evacuated when a fire, said by

Prince Sihanouk

Pyengyang, March 4.—Prince Norodom Sihanouk the former Cambodian head of state announced in North Korea

today that he was ready to drop

some of his conditions for setting up an anti-Vietnamese

coatition with the Khmer Rouges in his country but asked

for Chinese and American aid to create an "independent

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economic and social measures to help the rural population and to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor. Mr Boonchu also removed much red tape to assist foreign investors.

Although the remodelled Gov-

nine more Cabinet ministers, including most of those in charge of economic affairs. Four other ministers had resigned earlier.

General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister and commander-in-chief of the Army, would not resign, a government to announce a new government by the end of the week.

The resignations coming after a dispute over oil supplies, almost certainly mean the exclusion from the Government of the middle-of-the-road Social Action Party, which holds 80 sears in Parliament, twice as many as any other party. Its lack of a voice in Government is likely to have repercussions throughout the country.

Mr Boonchu Rojanastien, the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of economic affairs, was one of those who resigned today. He and the Social Action

also removed much red tape to assist foreign investors.

Although the remodelled Government may be more inclined towards the right and the military, no important changes in Ceneral Prem has often said he is committed to policies which will bring "more fairness in Society".

Senior officers have had discussions with political eaders in Na Nakhon, the Supreme Commander, said the military would not interfere in the government stability for the country.

Leaders of the armed forces have had discussions with political eaders in the military would not interfere in the government of the armed forces had in the past brought about most of Thailand's political changes by overthrowing the Government of the day.

In the present crisis some senior officers made it clear they wanted the Social Action of Party removed from the Govern-

General Prem, and because they opposed the Social Action minis-

opposed the Social Action minis-ters' handling of the economy. At what proved to be the last meeting of the old Cabinet Colonel Chamlong Strimtang, Secretary-General to the Prime Minister, preached a "sermon" to the tense gathering, according to a government spokes-man. Colonel Chamlong, who is

often called "the preacher" because of his public lectures on Buddhism and his strict adher-ence to its precepts, told the ministers that despite their problems and conflicts they. should all set good examples of behaviour to the public.

"Everybody in the Cabinet room liked my sermon because it defused the tense situation", he said later.

he said later.

In a recent public lecture Colonel Chamlong urged his audience to follow him in leading an austere life. He did not sleep on a bed but on a mat on the floor, never attended entertainments and had decided with his wife nor to have children.

Polish example affects MacLehose visit

A local newspaper, which has just reached the capital, reported calls for the scrapping of the one-party system and spoke of "very scrious" political restiveness among workers of a hig Taivian steel mill who

of a big Taiyuan steel mill who demanded "the right to decide their own future themselves" and an end to "dictatorship".

A few days ago, the Taiyuca Daily reported the dismanting

of a "counter-revolutionary clique" whose members—their number was not specified—are to stand trial shortly for speak-ing out against the communist

regime.

Without identifying members of what it called an "arch counter-revolutionary" group, the paper said it had "publicly demanded a government of union" for China instead of "the domination of the single party" prevailing since the founding of the communist regime 31 years ago.

The paper also spoke of

local population in recent weeks to determine whether such statements were counter-revolutionary, as some people apparently disagreed with this view.
This was also the first known case of arrests within the acti-Beirut, March 4.—Mr Muham- vist community in the past months. This new crackdown

Three more men hanged in Malavsia firemen to have been started deliberately, broke out in the Silverbird Casino Hotel here From M. G. G. Pillai

Kuala Lumpur, March 4

Three more men went to the gallows at Malaysia's Pudu prison early today, bringing the total of those executed in the past seven days to nine. The executions were resumed last Thursday after an interval of 10 months. Legal sources said there were at least 14 men in the death row awaiting the results of their clemency

All but two of the 20 men hanged since March last year when executions were resumed after several years—had been convicted under the Internal Security Act of having unlicensed guns. The other two were hanged for drug trafficking and murder.

Sihanoukist army ". The Internal Security Act restricts the rights of the accused and imposes a man-He said he would insist on he "essential conditions", of the neutralization of the country datory death sentence on conafter the withdrawal of Vietviction. At least 60 men have been sentenced to death under namese troops. But he dropped a proposal that would have led to the vacating of the Kampuchean seat at the United a proposal that would have led to the vacating of the Kampu-chean seat at the United Nations, in anticipation of his forthcoming talks with the Khmer Rouges and their ally China.—Agence France-Presse.

Chinese workers

Peking, March 4.—Social unasset threatening to undermine the very foundations of the Chinese Communist regime, with demands similar to those made by Polish workers, has broken out in Taiyuan, 240 miles south-west of here.

A local newspaper, which has a minority felt that they were the poorest workers in the powers which has a minority felt that they were the powers workers in the powers workers workers in the powers workers with the powers workers in the powers workers with the power workers

The unrest in Taiyuan is the most serious to come to light in China over the past months.

The paper also spoke of heated discussions within the

for some time in the face of the regime's hardening stance. A week ago, the newspaper Presse.

The newspaper said that a minority felt that they were the poorest workers in the world and that they demanded the right of workers to decide their lot for themselves.

The article did not say under what circumstauces these state-ments were made or outline the workers' claims in their call for independent trade unions as in Poland, something which has also been sought in other Chinese cities.

Some workers at the steel works have rallied to the slogan "democracy and liberty" and called for "the overthrow of the system of political bureaucracy" through other calls such as "down with bureaucracy and down with the dictatorship".

The commentator emphasized that "without the Com-munist Party there would be no New China" and criticized those who propagated these ideas. Similar unrest has come to

light lately in a number of Chinese cities and rural dis-tricts, each time through denunciation in the country's official press. In several places the press reported

independent " unions. Foreseeing this unrest, Mr Hu Yarbang, the party's Secre-tary-General, said recently that the regime should restore its authority quickly and resolve the confidence crisis so as to had been expected by militants stave off any situation similar to that prevailing in Poland at the moment.-Agence France-

The institute said it would continue its fight for the protection of the right of any journalist to collect and convey information "without perils, hazards or other interference". This protection, however, must be meaningful and not an excuse to exercise governmental

"Unesco is trying to give respectability to particular governments who would, it any case, have proceeded against journalists and press freedom". Mr. Cushro Irani, of The Statesman, of India, the president of the institute, said. The institute protested against the South African Government's

"continuing acts of repression against the press and harass-ment of journalists"; expressed grave concern over the fate of dozens of Argentine journalists who have disappeared during the past five years; urged the Portuguese Government to hand over publications to private ownership and uphold the prip ciples of press freedom; and expressed the hope that the improvement in South Korea since the lifting of martial law

would continue. Another resolution expressed the hope that more funds would be made available interpationally to assist the press in developing countries.

Reviewing the problems of the media earlier, Mr Peter. Galliner, the institute's director, said the situation in South Korea and South Africa had caused great concern.

While the position in South Korea was better than it was six months ago, many journa-lists were no longer able to follow their profession. South Africa's introduction of further measures to curtail press free-dom was a matter for great concern.

There had been terrorist attacks on journalists in Italy and Spain, as well as in South America, prompting Mr Galliner to claim that "journalism has become one of the most dangerous occupations ".

Mr Hilary Ngweno, edito the Nairobi Times, criticized the fact that some newspapers in Kenya are still under for

Peking coastal ban forces fishermen into shore jobs

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, March 4
China's five-month ban on
fishing inside its coastal waters
by boats from Hongkong is
forcing an estimated 1,000 Hongkong fishermen into low-paid
building and labouring jubs
ashore.

ashore. Nearly 200 trawlers, most of them shrimp boats, have been offered for sale, according to the Hongkong Fishermen's Mutual Aid Association. The association has 4,000 members, who have a low educational level and cannot find jobs which will pay them as much as they earned from fishing.

After suddenly imposing the

ban in September-in order, it was claimed, to preserve rare fish—the Chinese authorities extended it in December withextended it in December with-out warning to a belt of 40 nautical miles along the coast of Guangdong and Guangxi pra-vinces, from which Chinese mainland fishermen were also

Royal brew Hongkong March 4.—Queen Margrethe of Denmark will open a new brewery during a visit to Hongkong this year. After urgent representations, they agreed to reopen an area of 100 nautical miles in the estuary of the Pearl river between Hongkong and Macao. and promised a visiting mission of Hongkong fishermen to con-

sider further concessions. But no compromise has been offered so far and Mr Keung Yin-wan, chairman of the Hong-kong and Kowloon Fishermen's Welfare Association, expects a continuing increase in the num ber of unemployed fishermen. He said that 600 of Hongkong's 1,400 registered trawlers are

now idle.
The chairman of the murual aid association has gone to Can-ton to attend a meeting of the Guangdong Provincial People's Congress, but the fishermen's leaders do not expect any important concessions.

Nearly 50 Chinese naval vessels are patrolling the pro-

scribed zone, where hundreds of fishermen have been arrested in recent months.

Carnival toll

Rio de Janeiro, March 4.—At least 119 people died in the four-day carnival which ended in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

Chancery Division

Law Report March 4 1981

Tomlin Order is used for a new purpose

Before Mr Justice Vinelott [Judgment delivered March 3]
Where a compromise is made on an application under section 210 of the Companies Act, 1948, and the petitioner does not seek an order for the company, it is appropriate to embody the terms of such compromise in the form of a Tomlin order.

Mr Justice Tomlin, who gave

of a formin order.

Mr Justice Tomlin, who gave his name to the order, said; "When an action is proposed to he stayed on agreed terms to be contained in a schedule to the order, the order is: And the plaintiff and the defendant having agreed to the terms set forth in the schedule hereto it is ordered that all future proceedings.

in the schedule hereto it is cordered that all future proceedings to this action be stayed."

The petitioner sought an order under section 210 to compel the company or its director, a majority shareholder in the company, to purchase his shares at a price calculated in accordance with the method contained in the articles of association. The parties reached a compromise on the sale of the shares the terms of which were set but in a Tomlin order. The

There was no reason why such ferm of order should not be employed provided that the petitioner did not seek an order for the compulsor; winding up of the company. If a petitioner did seek such an order, then it was clearly wrong that proceedings should be stayed until the terms of the compromise could be carried into effect since if an order for the compulsory winding up was to be subsequently

court was asked to approve the form of the order.

Section 210 provides: "(1) Any member of a company who complains that the affairs of the company are being conducted in a manner oppressive to some part of the members (including himself) or in a case falling within section 169 (2) of the Art, the Board of Trade may make an application to the court by section."

Mr Ralph Instone for the petition of an order under this section. If the petition for an order under this section. If was a petition under section 210 of the Company shareholders and the next financial carry shareholders. If was a petition under section 210 of the Company and had not been advertised. The only relief sought was an order requiring the company or its directors (who decide whether that it was a petition under section 210 of the Company). The differences between the shareholders and a scheme agreed in the comply sought a compulsory winding up of the company. If a petitioner is a fair value according to the articles of association, but on the footing that the profit of the company had been secured by the addition of certain sums which.

Section 210 of the Company control of the company of its directors (who is the company of its directors (who

His Lordship approved the form forder.
Solicitors: Dibb. Lupton & Co. eeds; Harrisons, Leeds.

Prudence Glynn

Catching nature before it is too late



An owl in the new exhibition at the Natural History Museum

cerned with preservation, who can still point to rows of elephant feet destined as waste paper baskets and tin cans of the georie whale murdered to feed the smelly pets that man has made of once self-supporting species.

Enough though to make the taxidermy and modelling de-partment of the Natural History Museum a world leader in its field. Confronted with the need to use mostly 200-bred creatures or to shampood and refurbish specimens from a less conservation minded age, the Natural History Museum has responded finely both by the development of techniques and by the presentation of what

it has preserved or restored. The first thing to remember to forget is that animals are not stuffed, as with teddy bears and sofa cushions. They are modelled with the utmost skill, life-likeness of posture, and accuracy of anatomy in a variety of materials. Then and only then is the furry or feathonly then is the furry or feathered overcoat drawn on, somethe immortal hand and eye times over, sometimes upward Nature Stored; Nature Studied, was a stoat. Twenty years a would end up on a silly hat or like Long Johns, and the and it travels the growth of would anyone have paused? Ithe walls of Fawlty Towers, stitching into place begins, the collections and the scienti- we all sat down in Oxfordsh Not enough, according to the Hunt the stitches is apparently fic work of the museum. If and said: "That's your fault

latest reports from those con-) a keenly fought game between I you move fast, your strict in preserver and audience. Technically, freeze drying is the New Thing, but before

everyone gets very nervous about what is going to be mixed in with the mixed vegetables I should say that this process makes for many problems in larger mammals, which must be posed at the start of the weekslong dehydration and over whose collapse or distortion little control can be exercised from then on. Great for birds and tiny mammals, less good for lions.

The year marks the contenary of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington.
On May 27 Professor S.r. Andrew Muxley. President of the Royal Society, will spen the history are present display. the big new permanent display called Origin of Species, exhibits from which are shown in the photograph, and the Queen and the Prince Phillip will visit the museum on the same day. Currently the museum has an exhibition which may be of particular interest to readers of this piece since it is called wink hase to black-tipped. Nature Stored; Nature Studied, was a stook Twenty years a and it travels the growth of would anyone have paused?

still be a perpetual option your decor.

Sowing to popular demai the new exhibition will fave the diorama form of presen tion as opposed to a lot varigated gannets or whater in a glass coffin hardly like to capture the imagination of young student made blase magnificent television p grammes and magazines abthe wild life all around Just as society has had come to teems with the ead inescapable fact that a lot coimals, birds and flow which have been taken granted will never be seen their wild habitat by a grandchildren, so nuseu must keep up to date with once common, now rare s cimens. I suggest a Christa holidays show entitled a dustbin fox, or survival

Britain in the 80s. After all, only I was st that my copper and cre-creature, measuring with curtain cape 161in from i

Juice of a good idea



and inquired if the stoat could be made quite different and wonderfully permanent by, say, five o'clock one day very soon. And the University of Oxford, Natural History department said, very politely, go away.

The woman consulted a bright yellow book divided into sections and hunted under Taxidarme She telephoned 2 Mr.

idermy. She relephoned a Mr Teasdale in Yorkshire. Mr Teasdale asked is the stoat in the deep freeze? Not exactly, came the reply. Could

it be posted at once, in ice?
Eh, well ... Anyway, how much
would it cost? \$50 to do, plus
\$30 for a suitable box. But
really two days old was already

pushing it and a week...so

why not consult the oracle in the blue and coffee coloured

palace in South Kensington?
A great deal has changed since the days of privileged gunning down of rare and wondrous beasts and birds, the

thoughtless slaughter in pur-suit of vicarious masculinity or

the passing whim of fashlon, the days when the works of the immortal hand and eye

Shona Crawford Poole

Of this season, The Country Housewife and Lady's Director' of 1727 notes: "In this Month it may not be unnecessary to observe that Oranges are declining, and waste apace; but they are commonly very cheap, and therefore such as have a great Call for Orange-peel, as Confectioners, etc. now buy them in quantities; but a little Carriage by Land will contribute to their quicker decay."

Its author Richard Bradley, who was appointed the first Professor of Botany at Cambridge University in 1724, goes on to say: "The Orange, tho' it is not found in every Garden, yet I esteem it as a necessary Fruit in many Cases, and what a Family can hardly be without; and truly considering how good Oranges we might have in our Gardens, and how easily they may be cultivated against Garden-walls, I much wonder that they are not more generally planted with us.

generally planted with us.

"There is a very good Instance of their prospering well against a Wall, and thriving in the natural Ground, at Mr Heather's, a curious Gentleman at Twittenham, which Trees beer very well, and bring very large Fruit."

The good professor was indeed writing of orange trees fruiting in England (and not just in glasshouses) as well as of imported fruit. And what he was leading to was a recipe for presserging their juice. preserving their juice, "...
especially it may prove useful
to such as have upportunities
of vending Punch in large
Quantities, for such who find that Liquor agreeable to them : For the I have known several who have expressed the Juice of Oranges and Lemons, and bottled it up against a dear Time, yet such Juice has turn'd to be of a very disagreeable Sourness in a short season. "The method which I have "The method which I have taken to preserve this Juice to be used in Punch, was to express the Juice, and pass it thro' a Jelly-bag, with about two Ounces of double-refined Loaf-Sugar to each Pint of Juice, and a Pint of Brandy, or Arrack: bottle this up, and cork it well with sound Corks, and you may keep it a Year what quantity of Brandy, or ing compartment of the refrig-time, stirring constantly was Arrack, he thinks proper, only remembering that there is already a Pint in each Bottle."

Squeeze the juice from the of a single cream. The batt already a Pint in each Bottle."

grapefruit and add it to the should be beaten as little

Another old fashioned pre-serve is lemon curd. New laid eggs may have been easier to come by in Richard Bradley's time, but he would have had greater difficulty storing it. Even with refrigeration it seldom keeps longer than about three months, so make small quantities at a time.

Lemon curd Makes about 1.35 kg (3 lbs) 6 juicy lemons

225 g (8 oz) unsalted butter 570 g (11 lbs) caster sugar 6 large fresh eggs, newly laid if possible

Wash and dry the lemons. Finely grate the rinds and squeeze and strain the juice. Pur the juice and grated rind into the top of a large double saucepan (or in a bowl over a pan of hot water) with the butter and sugar. Cook slowly over hot water until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved completely.

Beat the eggs lightly in a bowl and pour them into the lemon mixture through a fine sieve. Cook the mixture gently, stirring constantly, until the curd thickens enough to coat the back of a mandar great and the least of the le the back of a wooden spoon. On no account boil the mixture or it will curdle. Pour the curd into spotlessly

clean heated jars. Top each jar with a waxed paper disc, pressing out any air bubbles, cover and label the jars and as soon as they are cool, store them in the refrigerator. Grapefruit and mint sorbet a marvellously refreshing first

course to serve when appetites are wilted by summer heat. It is equally good as a winter pudding—an unexpected anti-dote to seasonal studge and central hearing. For other ways are a summer to the seasonal studge and central hearing. tral heating. For those who are ald enough to indulge, a glug of well-iced vodka. or schnapps over the top takes a lot of beat-

Herb farms supply mint to greengrocers all year round, so order a bunch if it is not on

Grapefruit and mint sorbet Serves eight large grapefruit 300m)-({ pint) water 225g (8oz) granulated sugar A handful of fresh mint 2 egg whites 2 tablespoons icing sugar

Finely grate the rind from thro' a Jelly-bag, with about two Ounces of double-refined Loaf-Sugar to each Pint of Juice, and a Pint of Brandy, or Arrack: bottle this up, and cork it well with sound Corks, and you may keep it a Year...

"When you have occasion to use it for Punch, it is at the loss of the syrup for about five minutes. Roughly chop and bruise the mint. Add it to the hor syrup and ser aside until

No, it would not do at all to cold syrup. Strain the syrup and possible. Overbeating w freeze it until the mixture has result in tough creps. Rethe consistency of heavy slush, the batter for one to 24 hours Beat the egg whites until they are foamy, and the icing sugar and continue beating

until the meriogue holds stiff peaks. Turn the partially frozen ice into a chilled bowl and heat it very thoroughly. Add the meringue and beat them lightly together. Freeze the mixture, covered, until it is firm, whisking it once more during freezing if necessary, Notes: a shallow metal or

plastic tray or box is the best receptacle in which to freeze sorbets and ice creams. The faster they freeze, the better the texture of the ice. If the finished ice is too hard to serve straight from the deep freeze, ripen it in the refrigerator for about 20 minutes. Crépes are a splendidly useful

standby for unexpected guests or well-nigh instant family meals. I like to keep a stack of lacey home-made pancakes in the freezer, but frozen crepes are also sold by some freezer centres, and I have recently seen plastic packs of large Breton crepes which keep for months in the storecupboard. Frozen crêpes thaw in moments if spread on a flat surface at room temperature, and all types can be used for sweet or savoury fillings. Any variation on the crepes Sozette theme is a sure winner. The flames and flavours are irresistible.

Crépes Suzette Serves six or more 110g (4oz) plain flour teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons cognac

eggs, beaten 250ml (8 fl o2) milk 3 tablespoons melted butter or lio Juneso

85g (3oz) unsalted butter 85g (3oz) caster sugar Finely grated rind and juice of 2 large pranges

3 tablespoons orange Curacan. Sift the flour and salt into a

bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the eggs and a little of the milk. Gradually draw in the flour to make a thick, smooth batter. Add the



discretion of the Maker to 2/ld | cold. Turn the freezer or freez- | remaining milk. a little at what quantity of Brandy, or ling compartment of the refrig- | time, stirring constantly with the control of the refrig- | time.

using the batter, stir in t melted butter. Thin the m

ture with a little more milk necessary. Heat a small, heavy crepe omelette pan on a medium be and grease it very lightly wi a piece of crumpled kitch paper wiped on a knob butter. Pour in just enoubatter to coat the base of L pan (usually two or three tab) spoons) and cook until the underside of the pancake golden. Run a knife or spatu round the edge of the pancacl

carefully. Cook until the secon side is lightly coloured. To keep the pancakes wart stack them on a plate over pan of simmering water with leaf of greaseproof paper between each one. To freeze the crêpes, simply wrap the star loosely in foil and freeze in the usual way.

to loosen it, and turn it ove

The first one or two crepin any batch seldom turn of perfectly. One always seems waste a couple while adjustit the heat correctly and worker out exactly the right quantil of batter to use for each pa cake. A very large frying pan or

oig oval gratin dish made ' enamelled cast iron is the be. of the recipe, unless you kee a capacious copper job speciall for flaming things in. Melt the butter in the pan

a low heat and sur in the sugar. Cook gently togethe until the mixture begins to giv off just the faintest whiff o caramel. Be careful not to lead to the sure of the sure the sure. it darken too much or the sauc will be bitter. Stir in the orang juice and finely grated rind-Now you need to work fas

and methodically or the saudwill be soaked up by the firs crepes before the last few are in the pan. Take the first crep and lay it prettiest side down in the pan. Fold it in half, then in half again to make a wonky triangle and move it to the side of the pan. Repeat the opera tion until all the crêpes have been used up. If the first pan is certain to become too crowded to work in, lift each folded crêpe into a second pan as soon as it is done.

Combine the cognac and orange liqueur in a small pan and warm them gently. Pour the liquid over the crepts, stand back and set light to it immediately. Serve as soon as the flames die down.

* A facsimile reprint of parts I and II of The Country Housewife and Lady's Director, which jirs: appeared in 1727 and 1732; with a glossary, notes and hiblography by Caroline Davidson, is published by Prospect Books, London, price £18.

Government taking action against | Minister may ask local councils local authorities which delay sale of council houses to tenants

House of Commons

The Government would ensure that council, new fown and housing assacionation tenants were not decided the right to buy their protection of the right to buy their protection by delays and the administrative action of Lahour-Controlled local authorities. Mr. John Stanley, Minister for Housing and will be find to effort the Lambeth Council. We wisn to common our inquire with lambeth Council. We will be find to effort the Management's and has received from me will be find to effort the Management's and has received from me will be find to effort the Management's and has received from me a petition from the Townswomen's Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, said at que dion

Mr Anthony Durant (Roading, North, C) had asked how many letters the Department of the Enletters the Department of the vironment had reverved from council tenants complaining that their local authorities were their local authorities hindering their right to buy, Mr Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling, C): The department has received approximately 2.000 letters from tenant, complaining about delay in a small inmortly of local

Each of these individual com-plaints is being pursued by the Department with the authority con-In addition, the department has now taken up formally with the following 16 authorities their rate

of process in implementing the right to boy:
Bolsover, Bristol, Doneaster, Great Yarmouth, Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Wolverhampton, and the London horoughs of Barbing and Dagenham, Camden, Greenwich, Lambeth and Newham, Mr. Durant: That is a depressing answer. Bearing in mind that tusis the law of the land, will be look at the situation where some local authorities are not bassing progress in implementing the ficial authornies are not bassing the documents to the calculation departments in order that they can continue with their purchase? As for Lembeth borough, would be come to the House when be has investigated and noke a state-ment about the scandal in the papers today and oven consider potting in commissioners, hearing in mind that this is the law and

that we are here to defend the rights of the cirizen? (Conservative cheers.

Mr Stanley: On the general point, the Government is concerned to see that all local authority, new town and housing association tenants have the right to buy and are able to exercise that right.

The Government will ensure they are not denied that opportunity by delays and administrative action by Labour-controlled local authorities.

On valuations, I agree there are right of a bottle-neck in some

Lambeth should

fulfil its

obligations

will be that to inform the House what the position is there.

Whit the position is there,
Mr Isan Lawrence (Burton, C):
What advice does be give to
tenants in Labour-controlled
nutlioraties which are dragging
their feet? Many thousands have
not yet contacted his department
as to what they can do atomt it.
What positive assurance will
the Contemporal site that it will the Government give that it will take action to oblige recolcitment councils to perform their rights and duries?

Mr Stanles : It is open to any tenant who bes submitted a "Right to Buy" application form and has not received a response notice within the statutory period to tell the local authority and the department. We have made that siers in the "Right to Bug" and exist for the statutory form clear in the "F application form, Am tenant can make direct conrict with the Department of the Environment to give it infor-mation about where that applica-

Under Section 23 of the Housing Act it is open to the Secretary of State to intercene where it appears to him ther tolling have had or may have difficulty in exercising their right her effectively and expedi-

The Secretary of State Is assessing progress in each and every authority against that yard-stick. Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C): Will be consider adding the C): Will be consider adding the district council of Gateshead to that list? that 1987?
It is understood that threats are being made to potential purchasers as to the type of neighbours they may receive. This sort of threat to a would-be purchaser is an infringement of their rights under the Act.
If the Secretary of State considers it as such, will be exercise his powers under Section 23 and intervene with the local authority concerned?

Mr Stanley: I will be glad to consider any information he cares to send me about the rate of progress in that authority. I deplore any steps being taken by elected councillors to try to intimidate and in any way prevent

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab): Could be confirm that he has had correspondence from people against the sale of council houses and has received from me a petition from the Townswomen's Guild and many other people, including the whole council in Swindon, negatost the sale of the ratiway villa, a listed building built in 1840? People in Swindon are frightened that if this is sold to individuals our inheritance will be destroyed.

Mr Stanley: The electorate as a whole expressed its view on this natter in May, 1979, and wished to give tenants the right to buy their homes.

Mr Tristan Garel-Jones (Watford, C): Nearly 1,000 of my constituents in Watford have tried to buy from the local authority and have received a letter from it telling them that no repairs will be undertaken.

(Conservative laughter.)

Since the local authority is dragging its feet, people find them-selves in a position where no repairs can be made on their houses and no offers to buy can be made to them. (Conservative shours of "Shame".)

Mr Stanley: I assure him that the statutory responsibility of the local authority in respect of repairs to oranged houses continues as long a: that house remains in their Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchesor Renneri Eastnam (Minches-ier, Blackley, Lab): He persists in attacking Labour authorates about the sale of council houses. Would be adout that it was his depart-ment and the Civil Service which are responsible for compiling the statetory forms?

statutory forms?
As a result of the confusion of these statutory forms in Manchester, there were 4,000 applications, 29 per cent of which had to be returned, they so confused the applicants. That is a direct result of the guidance from his department, prospective borrowers information about the financial terms on which mortgages were offered and when displaying such information. He said the Consumer Credit Act stated that horrowers had to be told the truth about the rate of interest they were being charged. It established a standard of for-Mr Stanley: Last Priday I had the pleasure of meeting represen-tatives of the Manchester Tenagts' It established a standard of for-mula for quoting interest rules when they were advertised publi-cally. This was the APR—the annual percentage rate of interest. The astonishing thing was that the largest lenders of all, building societies, were totally excluded from the provision of the Act. House Buyers' Association. The entire burden of what they said was that they had many thousands of applications submitted to the council, many hundreds where the right to buy had been acknowledge.

Our difficulty is getting an adequate rate of progress by the Manchester Council.

to declare all land holdings

government to declare its holdings of land. Mr Heseltine (Henley, C) ansbefore I agree that they remain in the private sector. Mr John Heddle (Lichfield and wering questions about land owned by local authorities, said: The com-pilation of registers for 33 districts

Tamworth, C): With land being our most valuable natural resource, it is criminal that local and London boroughs is under way, with the aim of publication in aucharrige eintuture underfahings nd public corporations can sit of Public bodies are providing in-

formation according to standard criteria under guidance from my department. This does not include Would be consider extending these registers beyond the 30 local authorities to the country as a information on land values.

I already have power to direct the disposal of land entered on a register, but I am hoping that the publication of site details, coupled with supporting work by the local authorities and business communities and land to be entered. whole? Mr Heseltine: Because this is a new method of disposing of land I felt that it was right to proceed at a reasonable pace in the first place and to take 33 registers as a method of finding out how the

to activate disposals.

He added: No time will be lost
in scrutinizing the list of sites that I am considering now requiring local government as a whole to declare their holdings of land. This appear on the registers.

I have already undertaken the process of setting up tripartite teams consisting of a representative from local government, my tablishing a register, which carries

because the true rate of interest is higher. This is because the build-ing society charges 15 per cent interest on the whole amount of the hum out-tanding at the begin-

In reality, however, people pay monthly and each monthly pay-ment includes a repayment of part

ment includes a repayment of part of the principal of the loan as well as the interest.

If a person thought he was bornowing at 15 per cent, then over 15 years the true rate of interest was 16.6 per cent, over 20 years it was 16.4 per cent and over 25 years it was 16.2 per cent.

At best this situation was misleading at worst it was deception.

While building societies were excluded from these obligations, banks and the Trustee Savings Bank were included.

The Bill was based on two principles. The first was that millions of home buyers were worth protecting and it was worth revealing to

them the true cost of the credit they paid. The second was with rates of interest and credit as in anything else, the truth was the

department and the private sector with it the power of compulsory department and the private sector of the got through every site on these registers.

I shall want to be satisfied before I agree that they remain in closure in the hands of local government. chouse in the date of focal government justify such a register.

The Ordnance Survey will this year have a deficit of £21m and it was an expensive facility. Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, and damage constitute. and during questions.

Mr King (Bridgapter, C), answer ing questions on the feture of Ord-rance Survey, said: I hope in the next few weeks to be able to make

a statement on the recommenda-tions of the Ordnance Survey, review committee and on an imme-diate operating remit for the Ord-Take hore in hand an exami-nation of the possibilities for giv-ing the Ordinarie Survey a more independent status. This last study will take rather longer to complete.

study will take rather longer to complete. He added later; that it would be presponsible of any Government not to see in what way this facility neight not be organized so that the call on the public exchequer might be modified.

Football on

Sunday

should be

exception

Work protection law changes wanted by Lord Thorneycroft House of Lords The Government had created a sit-

nation of nightmare proportions, Lord Feart (Lab), leader of the Opposition peers, said when he opened a debate on what he called the unacceptable levels of regional He said the situation was partly due to the Government's libral adherence to a catastrophic mone-

ary policy. Town, had been murdered as Jarron was. In the north areas were being attacked and run down and factory after factory

We must the said) say "Stop" to Government policy. There must to toecomment policy. There must be a Usurn, a change, otherwise there will be darkness for thou-sands of people in our country. The Earl of Gowrie, Monister of State fod Employment, said that a substantial and lesting improve-ment in employment levels was largely dependent on an uppurn in world trade and on Britain's own connective resource to it. The world trade and on Britain's own competitive response to it. The Government had two overriding aims: First, to commune to bring from domestically induced inflation, second, to improve the compenitive position of industry.

In the control of domestically induced inflation the Government and been successful and was determined and to surrander this successful and was determined and to surrander this successful.

If we were to do so the said) the terrible inroads which inflation makes on profitability and investment would continue to cut away existing jobs, and just as had continue to prevent new jobs being crossed.

The public opinion polls, he con-tinued, were accurate Fours that autsauce would be caused to be al people by Football League materies on Sundays were socked by Mr John Carlisle (Luton. fre public opinion polls, he con-inued, were accurate when they indicated that many people would like the Government to give priority to unemployment and not to infiation. The trouble was that unemployment and inflation went together like a horse and carriage. So did interest rates and inflation. If inflation continues West, C) who laked about Denart-ment of the Environment policy towards the League's proposal for Mr Hecter Monro, Under Secretary for the Environment and Minister for Sport, said: The deci-sion by the Football League is not inflation continue. moderate as we expect the said) in smould be possible to cut interest rates further. The welcome fall in the exchange rate over the past few days appears to be anticipating one in which I have any standing. Policy concerning sporting events on a Sunday is for the Home Secretary.

face of political and other pres-

(be said) have worked through we

falling at present, and despite the

pound, which I am glad to say has also eased, oud share of world

There is every reason for conti-dence if we do not at great cost continue to postpone changes that

are bound to come in any case, and

if we do not continue down the primrose path of paying ourselves

more in wages and social benefits than our production allows.

To go for the alternative cost of reflation at this time would lead to

our industry becoming more and more uncompetitive, would draw in additional imports and would, in the end, result in still greater un-employment for the country. No

Lady Secar (L) said in the regions

becoming the norm, and this was becoming the norm, and this was dangerous. The costs of unemployment were becoming bideous, not just the amount of money the Gov-

ernment had to pay out in unco-ployment henefits, but the social costs which were difficult to calcu-

ore. Could not the Government in

next week's budget cut the employ-

next week's budget cut the employ-ers' national insurance contribution which was a straight tax on employment. In particular they could cut it advantageously in the regions of higher unemployment.

This would encourage labour inten-sive industry rather than capital

The Bishop of Liverpool, in a maiden speech, and all areas where inner city people lived

maiden speech, said all areas where inner city people lived seemed today to have almost a hasic figure of 30 per cent unemployment. There were some encouraging signs in Liverpool. With help from inner city partnership schemes, small advanced factories had been built. That was

But it would take a lot of small businesses to replace the 1,500 jobs

ntensive industry.

petter tomorrow lies that way.

trade is holding well.

this.

Unions had been adapting to a falling rather than rising price curse in the present wage round. So far the average settlement had been 9.5 per cent in the private sector and 9 per cent in the public sector. In was a remarkably Mr Carlisle: The staging of Sunday matches will bring extra revenue to the football clubs and will benefit players. But it will bring a certain nuisance to residents around the grounds and extra work for the sector. It was a remarkably achieved below price inflation. It

Will be make representations to the Football League that these games should be the exception rather than the rule and that we do was now beginning to sink in that excessive pay claims threatened not see a wholesale, mass switching of games from Saturday to Sunday? In recent weeks union leaders had joined with industrialists in calling on the Government to lower interest rates and ease the pressure on the pound, and this it hoped to

Mr Moare (Dumfries, C): I note that. The games are relatively few at the moment. Those in Division Three and Division Four have been do. But unions must not expect (he to recover in wage rises the reasonably successful. The Foothall League should consider care-fully the effect on the local environment and the load on the price rises which a more competi-tive pound would bring. If they do so we will not be able to shield them from the consequences of police, plus public transport prob-lems. I am sure all these difficulmore unemployment. British industry was now better equipped for international compe-tition than it had been for many ties can be resolved.

Mr Kenneth Marks (Manchester. Gorton, Lah): It is not just a matter for the Football Association and the Football League. It is a social problem.

In some cities, the grounds are in the midst of hundreds and hundreds of terraced houses, causnumerous or terraced houses, causing people serious problems on match days.

Will he ask the FA and the Football League to consider the rights of local people around grounds before any action is taken to play Sunday games in these areas?

areas? Air Monro: I accept that. So far, have been only in the

are first or second division matches, major games, there would be complications. I will draw the attention of the FA and the League to the views expressed here today.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): The best thing to do on Sunday is to go to church.

After that, people can engage in Mr Monro: I support that view. Sunday football is a new idea. We shall have to see how it settles down.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, (Birmingbam, Small Heath, Lab): The law on Sunday entertainment is unfair as between one leisure activity and

Music and theatre is lawful. Cricket and athletics, golf and rugby are tolerated. Association Football is experimenting. Racing wishes to come under starter' orders.

He should act to clear up this confusion and relate the social implications to the sporting consider-

Mr Monro: The interpretation of the Act is one for the courts. But in this House it has plways been considered that a change in the Act would he through privat members' legislation. The last tim

Pulling down houses put up in wrong place

not get a second reading,

The Department of the Environment is considering ways of speeding up the procedure for dealing with appeals against the demultion of houses built without complying with planning consent Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary, for the Environment, said.

Mr John Fart (Harborough, C) had asked whether it was the Government's policy that where a house was built in a position which did not comply with planning con-

sent, it should be removed. Mr Shaw (Pudsey, C) : Not necess-Mr Farr: It is possible by the ingenious use of the appeal machinery to delay demolition of a

house improperly built almost indefinitely. Is that right? Will he look into ways of speed-ing up the machinery so that when a house is deemed to have been built in an improper position it is demolished without delay?

Mr Shaw: There are many cases where amelioration can be made to the building which would not require demolition. We have to ensure that a fair balance is struck. This is why there is an appeal

Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lah): There is scope for abuse of the system in which it is possible for someone who applied for planning consent, had it refused, has an appeal rejected but then has the enforce-ment procedure held up while a

fresh application is made. This procedure, which is capable one that might require legislative

Mr Shaw: There could be ways of speeding up the appeal procedure to deal with the matter more quickly. We are looking at this He did not expect there would ever be full employment again in the old terms. I wish we would admit that the said) because we could then begin a debate about what a civilized society will do for the country to the country that the said of the country will be said.

those who are not needed in the market. Lord Taylor of Gryfe (Lab) said less horrowing by nationalized in-dustries meant greater unemploy-ment and increased expenditure on social security. One unemployed man married with two children increased Government horrowing by about 56,000 a year. Taking into account the ray revenue lost, un-employment was costing at least an entra \$2,000m a year and produc-

ing nothing.

Lord Thorneycroft (C), chairman of the Conservative Party, Said there should not be a general, because the conservative party. tion of the economy. In the long-term it would mean the loss of jobs and even in the medium-term would render Britain incanable of taking advantage of the end of the taking advantage of the end of the recession, when it came.

The made no apology for the Government spending money. It might be difficult politically to stand up and say they were right to help British Leyland when they came un with a £400m loss. But the thought of watching British Leyland Collapse and all the small business around it such as component would have been a tragedy of a major order.

The Government must do some The Government must do some-thing to temper the Employment Protection Act. If the Government was going to encourage small busi-ness to employ people, it was no good if they were tirmly of the opinion that they had virtually to many the people they employed and they were not respected to acand they were not prepared to go on with it. There should be no apolice for realing it down will further and maximizing the assets the nation had.

He was not asking that energy

the was not asking that energy should be subsidized like in the United States. But industry after industry and activity after activity was not getting bulk surplies of energy on the same scale as competitors overseas.

Constructive intervention was an in phase in the Conservative

Constructive intervention was an in phrase in the Conservative Party, He was a constructive interventionist. The Earl of Gowrie, as energy spokesman, should start to operate in that direction.

Viscount Walkinson (C) said the Government might have to consider awkward matters like early ratirement. It might also have to think about having one year's public service for school leavers to give them the chance of a year's useful employment. These were examples of new thinking in the useful employment. These were examples of new thicking in the long term to cope with the prob-lem of unemployment. Lord Boardman (C) said that in-

dustry had carried an excessive hurden of energy prices for far too long. It had added substantially to the levels of unemployment. Lord Polwarth (C) said they were at last beginning to see results in bringing down inflation which was still the main threat. The medicine was beginning to work but the time had come to start reducing the years. That was why it was so essential that they did not see another British Government aban-doning its economic strategy in the

dose.
Lord Fisher of Rednal (Lab) said
the Conservative Party must recognize that when the recession was
over they would not get rid of
people's bitter memories. There
was fear that the West Midlands
with its beavy dependence on
manufacturing industry could
suffer irreparable damage if the
Government did not change its
monetary policy. Sures as counter inflation took effect. When the Government's policies shall have a much stronger economy and a better hase from which to take advantage of any upturn in world trade, inflation is

monetary policy.

Lord Ballour of Inchrye (C) asked when the battle of inflation bad been won, would the price of victory be such that industries great and small could not find the capital for restarting and rebuild-ing their enterprises? There should be some control of

the limitless foreign imports in selected trades. For the sake of employment and Industrial survival at a time of world recession certain cases should be guaranteed some quantitiative control of their imports. The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) said

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) said investment was the overall clue to full employment. For 36 self-contradictory years since the war, Britain had treated profits as a dirty husiness and those who made them as antisocial and had killed the goose that laid the gotten egg.

Lord Jacques (Lah) said the Governor the contract of the contract comment should get the rate of in-terest drawtically down. The advan-tages would be far greater than the disadvantages. Coupled with that, the Government should do every-thing in its power to get the pound into line with the domestic price level. As long as it was above the

level. As long as it was above the domestic price level, industries were being bled dry.

North Sea oil tax receipts should go into a fund for the redevelopment of Britain.

Lord Kaldor (Lab) said demand must be stimulated, and in that sense recovery and reflation were inseperable.

Lord Motistone (C) said the scheme for people who went to scheme for people who went to university as mattre students paid for by the state should be extended to everybody to allow them to take two-year courses of a mixture of public service and education and training. People should be able to take the course whenever they wanted to in their lives. The debate was concluded.

transport fuel from coal

Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Energy, what was the amount of research and development taking place sponsored by the oil, gas Centre.

The NCB has devised two pro-

made a major contribution to the plants to develop these processes. The NCB is also participating in an IEA project on coal pyrolysis aimed at liquid and gaseous pro-ducts. Government has provided a long-term programme to develop major portion of the United King-processes in manufacture substi-dom contribution to the project.

The Ordnance Survey will this year tions of the Ordnance Survey have a deficit of £21m and it was review committee and on an immeking, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services,

laso have in hand an examisaid during questions.

Mr King (Bridgwater, C), answer-

statement on the recommenda- piete.

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, Under Setretary for Environment, in a
written reply, said: Provisional
figures show that in England in
1980 there were 44,300 housing allocations. figures show that in England in 1980 there were 44,300 housing starts in the public sector and 83,600 in the private sector.

Essential repairs

The Government would expect Lambeth Council to recover possession of "Right to Buy" applications for purchase of council houses by tenants reported to have been impounded by local officials involved in industrial action. Mr John Stanley, Minister for flousing and Construction, said during questions.

Mr Stanley (Tonbridge and Maliing, C) stated: I have read with oncern press reports about indus-trial action in Lambeth to impound "Right to Buy" claim forms, allesed to have been carried out by local officials. It has not been possible to establish the precise facts with the council.

But if the reports are correct, this action would be the most serious abuse. The Government would expect Lambeth Council to recover the "Right to Buy" documents and fulfil its obligations to process the applications without delay.

hir William Sheifon (Lambeth, Streatham, C): Many people in Lambeth wish to buy their council homes. The leners held up number three or four hundred. It is scandalous and something must be done as soon as possible about it. Mr Stanley: I agree.

Foreign students to get more aid

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab) asked the Government to mitigate the effects of increased fees to be charged to students from overseas studying in the United Kingdom during 1981-82.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, in a written reply, said: The Government has decided to allocate sufficient aid funds to reaining programmes in 1981-82 to restore the number of new awards for students and trainees from de-veloping countries under Government to Government programmes and the Commonwealth Schol-arship and Fellowship Plan to approximately the levels of 1978

We have also extended for 1981-We have also extended for 1981-82 the Feg Support Scheme and we plan to make up to 300 awards available under this scheme to selected privately financed post graduate students from developing countries who are suffering hard-ship as a result of fee increases.

at Houses of **Parliament**

Urged to carry out repair work to the Palace of Westminster, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Under Secredesirery ransperg. Under Secre-tary for the Environment, said he had authorized essential structural repairs to and repainting of the roof of Victoria Tower at a cost of £80,000 after receiving professional advice from the Property Services

Agency. A further £11,000 is likely to be spont in the current year 'the said' as part of a continuous programme of replacements of the weathered statues around the Coloniade.

Mr Greville Jamer (Leicester, West, Luly): Would the plans in-clude the repair of the masoury around the Members' Entrance, part of which collapsed this week? Will he be less selective in the dangers he is perpetuating and arrange for them to fall outside the public entrance as well, or is be walting for a general election, a recess or for the death of all skilled stone masons, before this Palace is put into proper order? Mr Finsberg: He would not wish exaggerate. We have already removed potentially dangerous coping stones, brushed off the scroll stone surfaces, and spent over \$105,000 on making safe the stonework above doorways. We are respectively diving the summer the

proposing during the summer the replacement of stone copings. There is a major problem here. With the best will in the world we are not able in a limited time to repair the ravages of the weather

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Mr John Stokes trialesower and Stourbridge, Cl: When will the department start cleaning the whole of the outside of the Palace of Westminster? It needs doing

Mr Finsberg: We are still trying to decide how best to allocate the limited amount of funds available, bearing in mind that the total cost is few.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons Today at 2.30: Debate on motion on education.

House of Lords Trouge of Livings Tradey at 1: European Assembly Fire lions Bill, committee, Town and Country Planning (Muterals) Hill, report.

Ministers urged to act in closed shop cases

The Government strongly con-demned Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in its disgraceful Borough Council in its disgratering closed shop policy, the Earl of Gourie, Minister of Smite for Employment, said during a question on the disciplinary action taken by the council against Miss Joanna Harris and her colleagues.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (Soc Deep) arked Will the Government. Dem) asked: Will the Government make a statement on their attitude towards the closed shop policies of the Sandwell and Wilself district

councils?
Do they regard the disciplinary action taken against Miss Joanna Harris and her colleagues in Samewell and Miss Joan Cooper and her colleagues in Walsall as lawful and if not do the Secretary of State for imployment and the Secretary of State for the Environment propose to warn the local authorities con-Corned that their members are putting themselves at risk of being orcharged by the district auditor?
The Earl of Gowrie: The Government has strongly condemned Sondwell Metropolitan Borough Council for its disgraceful closed shop policy and affirm their support for those whose jobs have

been threatened.
From reports it appears that
Walsall council may be behaving in
a similar manner in relation to
their employees and if this should he the case the Government would be equally forthright in condeming Walsall council's policies too.

It is clear that Sandwell council is deliberately infringing the statu-tory rights of their employees under the Employment Act. 1930. In such a case it is open to anyone to raise the matter with the district auditor who may decide to inves-tigate and the result could well be a court order holding individual the expenditure from their own resources.

Lord Harris of Greenwich : Could he ask the Secretary of State for-mally to warn the local authorities many in war the concerned of what is contemplated. What is contemplated in the case of both these local authorities is a disgraceful attack upon the civil liberties of these women who are taking a position under immense pressure from their employers.

In this situation, it is right that members of the local authority should be formally warned by the Should be founded with the Government itself would draw these matters to the attention of the district auditor because only in these circumstances is it likely that they will avoid dismissing these women who then will only have claims of com-

The Earl of Gowrie: The Government has made its disapproval and condemnation quite unconditional. The remedy which he postulates is available to the people concerned

Strict control over trans-shipment of fish in British waters

ties, will in most cases be enough

There was no good reason to exclude building societies from the obligations that most other lenders had to tulfil. Mr Kenneth Weetch (Ipswich, Lah) said when he was given leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

The purpose of the Bill, he explained was to require building

explained, was to require building societies to follow " truth in lend-ing " policies when providing to

Wider scope sought

on truth in lending

The new Sea Fish Industry Authority should be able to operate within a flexible framework, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisherles and Food, said on the report stage of the Fisheries Bill he moved a new clause giving the industry Government guarantees on hor-

rowing.
Mr Buchanan-Smith (Aogus North and Mearns. C) said the new clause provided enabling powers for the sutbority to borrow funds for the exercise of its powers. Certain lending institutions, such as the European Investment Bank, would only make loans if they obtained Government guarantees on repayment of the loan principal

It would be helpful for the authority to borrow from such sources so the Government was going to provide such guarantees in respect of principal and interest. Mr Cavin Strang, an Opposition

Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture and fisheries (Edinburgh, East, Lab) said they were happy to support the new clause as it gave additional financial flexibility to the new authority.

The new clause was agreed to as was another new clause enabling Ministers, with Treasury consent, to make grants to the authority for expenses incurred in fulfilling guarantees in respect of

It also covered losses incurred by the authority following foreign exchange fluctuations where it exchange fluctuations where it horrowed money in one currency and lent it in another.

The process of trans-shipping fish had caused increasing concern in recent years to the fishing industry and general public and there was a need to introduce a liceosing system as a form of control. Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in moving a new clause (Liceosing of

ing a new clause (Licensing of vessels receiving trans-shipped Thus was considered with another new clause (Enforcement of provisions as to trans-shipment) and other amendments. and other amendments.

He said that the trans-shipment of fish involved the practice where the United Kingdom's catching vessels caught fish and then transferred the catch to another vessel, frequently foreign-which was moored in United King-dom waters. The second vessel carried out further processing on the fish which was subsequently

the fish which was subsequently exported abroad.

This practice had gained increasing attention off the West coast of Scotland and the South and South-West coast of England. It had caused increasing concern to the fishing industry and the scotlant public. general public.

He was satisfied that the power to require receiving vessels to be licensed could be a useful addi-tional measure of control over

fishing vessels should be guilty of an offence if filegal transshipments took place. That was the reason for the new clauses. A minister would have the power to prohibit by order transshipments except under authority of licence granted by the minister. It would be an offence to contravene the order.

vene the order.

The enabling power was drawn as widely as possible so that ministers could react to any particular circumstances. An associated new clause mide it possible for officers of bodies corporate to he prosecuted for offences committed by those

Trans-shipment had given wide cause for concern and although he was reasonably satisfied that the original Bill would have helped to police trans-shipment more effectively, they were not dealing with a static situation but one which had changed rapidly through the years and could again change dramatically.

Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposition spokesman on fisheries (Edin-burgh, East, Lab), sald the most important development they could achieve for the Industry would be to persuade the Government that it was right to license the opera-

tions.

The operation of the factory trans-shipment vessels or klondikers had been something of a national scandal. He referred particularly to mackerel. In 1979, two-thirds of mackerel caught in United Kingdom waters had been sold directly to the factory ships, and not landed in British ports.

The operation of trans-shipment. The operation of trans-shipment, The operation of trans-shipment, particularly of mackerel in recent years, had involved substantial abuse of conservation measures. Unrestricted fishing for mackerel would have led to decimation of those stocks in the way they had allowed the herring stocks to be obtained.

If the Government meant busi-ness it must be prepared to with-draw licences from klondikers contravening British regulations. But how could penalties be made effective against these large East German and Russian vessels, for instance? The licensing system should be introduced quickly. Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab) said klondiking was a somewhat poetic and romantic word but it had connoted almost a sense of evil in the last few months. Ill-informed people seemed to think that klondiking consisted of Communist vessels entering the English Channel, sometimes six miles off the coast. There was no black market

involved in open exchange on the water. He would like to see all fish caught by British vessels, giving work to people in British ports, but what had been happening was quite legitimate.

shipment. He would like to sec more shore-based facilities taking advantage of trans-shipment but it was not possible to bave sufficient shore based facilities to process seasonal fishery when that capacity would be under-utilized for parts of the year.

These were enabling powers. A licensing scheme would have to he introduced by order. He had no immediate plans to introduce such a scheme. He would be able such a scheme. He would be able to aggess the new control measures and in the light of experience of how they worked introduce a licensing scheme. Before doing that he would consult all those

interested. The new clause was agreed to. Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposition spokeman on agriculture. fisher-ies and food (Edinburgh, East, Lab), moving a new clause providing for the appointment of a sea fish industry authority consultative committee, said it would consist of between 15 and 20 people, probably nearer 20. The Opposition believed that this committee would have status in the ladustry and would be speaking for the

industry. The Government had shown a lack of courage here. Regretably, in an amendment being copyidered with the new clause to increase the size of the Sea Fish Industry Authority from six to 12 members, it was going to try to use its majority in the House in reverse a change made in committee, Mr Buchanan-Smith said the broad view of the industry had remained

in favour of the proposal in the Bill as originally drafted.
They must ensure that the authority commanded the confidence and respect of the industry and were more likely to do that with representatives of the industry serving on it. Those who paid the levy should have some say in how it was spent. in favour of the proposal in the

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said the new autho-rity must continue to go outside and consult widely throughout and consult wheely diregnous the industry. All sections or areas would not be wholly happy if they were not represented on the authority unless they had a greater assurance of wide and frequent consultations on vital Mr Albert McQuarrie (East Aber-

decishire, C) said he was con-cerned that the eight members appointed from the fishing industry would not have any say in the financial provisions. He hoped the minister would look at this again. Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby, Lab) said he believed the House should confirm the decision taken in committee. But if there were to he eight representatives from the industry on the authority, how were they to be selected?

The new clause was negatived

It was only fair and reasonable Mr Buchanan-Smith said that by 183 votes to 139—Government that receiving vessels as well as Financial difficulties recognized

Mr Strang moved an Opposition amendment to provide that the authority should establish and operate a deficiency payments scheme to protect the livelihoods of those in the industry.

The financial position of the industry was provided and the industry.

dustry was worse now than it had been last August when they welcomed the aid given by the Government. They had then made leear that if there were no im-provement in the fortunes of the industry the Government should come forward with additional money, and/or action to control

Imports.

It was vital that the Government should act quickly to help the fadustry. They were looking at the cheap import question and some of that fish had been caught illegally in British waters by foreign vessles flutting British conservation Prices at British ports had not been adequate to give the industry anything like the return it needed to pay for its labour and to give

adequate profit for luture invest-

countries were cheating on quotas. The solution was to manage the markets with deficiency payments.

Mr Buchanan-Smith said there were already powers in the Bill for the Government to provide money for any kind of financial scheme and it could ask the authority to administer any scheme. The administer any scheme. amendment was unnecessary.

If one was going to introduce a deficiency payments scheme it would require an enormous amount of preparation. It would raise complexities. He would not want to give any encouragement to the House or industry that this was a scheme they could easily contemplate as being introduced.

The Government's financial review of the industry had been brought forward. A meeting had

Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby, of the deficiency payments scheme, Lab) said the over-valuation of the li would be carefully considered pound was one reason for the fish but he saw considerable difficulties It would be carefully considered but he saw considerable difficulties imports. Fish could be imported and misgivings regarding the prac-more cheaply than the nation's own industry could catch it. EEC The amendment was rejected by The amendment was rejected by 169 votes to 125—Government majority, 44.

North, Lab) said the accident rate for fatalities in the fishing industry tor tagaines in the fixming industry
was 20 times that of the coal industry. He moved an amendment
giving the authority power to make
regulations to ensure operational safety in any matters relating to the industry. Inspectors would be appointed to ensure compliance with regulations and to records of accidents.

majority, 49. An Opposition amendment to financial end the casual nature of the work had been seting had which the 57.

already taken place at which the 57.
industry put forward a number of The report stage was co-cluded suggestions, including a variation and the Bill read the third time.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen.

The amendment was rejected by 142 votes to 93—Government

NCB trials on making

and coal industries and hy the Government and others into the abstraction of by-products from coal, such as gasification, liquefaction, oil, gas, chemicals, petrol and other premium products. Mr John Moore, Under Secretary for Energy, in a written reply, said: British Gas have a major

cesses to produce transport fuels from coal and Government has

Ordnance Survey deficit

nation of the possibilities for giving the Ordnance Survey a more ing questions on the future of Ord-nance Survey, said: I hope in the independent status. This last study next few weeks to be able to make will take rather longer to com-

127,900 housing starts

arts in the public sector and a ln the private sector it will 3,600 in the private sector.

The number of public sector ments of private housebuilders.

Michael Apted's American gamble

singer Lyretta Lynn opens in London next week after great success to the United States. Both the New York and Los Angeles Film Critics voted Sissy Spacek Best Actress for her remarkable impersonation in the title role (including singin the title role (including singin the title role (including sing-ing all Loretta Lynn's hits). Sissy and I really got together over the issue of her

whost career has been spent at Whost career has been spent at Granada TV and at the BBC. At 39, Apred has become the run of bad luck for Apred, latest British director to break whose two previous fims were into Hollywood's charmed cirbitter battles. After starting cle, joining Alan Parker and Strongly with The Triple Echo Ridley Scott, as well as distances, he ran into problatest British director to break

"It's taken me a long time ". Apred says, "I did it the hard way. I spent six or seven years shuttling backwards and forwards, working in TV in England making trips to Los Angeles and trying to get something off the ground. In the end, I came out to Hollywood to do another film entirely, that film fell through, and I just happened to be around when Universal fired their original director for Coal Miner's Dauchter.

"Sissy's support was very important in getting me the job, and I think the film

Coal Miner's Daughter, the film biography of the country singer Loretta Lynn opens in London next week after great success to the United States. Both the New York and Los Angeles Film Critics voted Sissy Spacek Best Actress for her remarkable impersonation of the country of the country so well because the two of us formed a common from the beginning. The semi-coherent film at all was original director hadn't wanted to use her. She tells the story of going into his office one day and he had the Newsweek cover with Loretta Lynn on his desk. He said, 'This is the her remarkable impersonation and the semi-coherent film at all was solely down to me and Vittorio to use her. She tells the story of going into his office one day and he had the Newsweek cover with Loretta Lynn on his desk. He said, 'This is the material we're dealing with and voice a more sure was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was solely down to me and Vittorio to use her. She tells the story of going into his office one day and he had the Newsweek cover with Loretta Lynn on his desk. He said, 'This is the material we're dealing with and voice and one that there was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was solely down to me and Vittorio to use her. She tells the story of going into his office one day and he had the Newsweek cover with Loretta Lynn on his desk. He said, 'This is the material we're dealing with any personal with the country was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was 200 minutes of semi-coherent film at there was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was 200 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was 200 minutes of semi-coherent film at there was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at there was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was 200 minutes of semi-coherent film at there was 100 minutes of semi-coherent film at all was 200 minutes of semi-coherent film at there was 100 min

But the real surprise of the foliam is that it was directed by an Englishman, Michael Apted.

It was Apted who captured the regional basis for Coal Miner's Daughter. The film is set in the Appalachians, a poor-white area which is a mystery to most Americans, let alone a Cambridge graduate whost career has been spent at the surprise of the doing her own singing in the foliam has a film and to record some since I wanted to record some live on location. I didn't know if she could sing: I was taking a risk. My attitude was that here is an intelligent significant woman to whom this film is just as important as it is to me. If she says she can sing, she can sing."

cle, joining Alan Parker and Ridley Scott, as well as lems on Trick or Treat. with lems on Russell and Tony Richards account of Agatha. Christie's disappearance, with Redgrave and Dustin Vanessa Redgrave and Dustin Hoffman.

> "After Trick or Treat, I felt depressed and worried I was losing my grip. In fact, if my younger son hadn't been seriously ill at the time I think I'd have had a nervous breakdown. His illness put the breakdown. His illness put the work problem into perspective. I'd made a succession of serious errors of judgment—about preparing the script, about casting—which created the situation Bianca exploited to cause havor. In the end, we had to abandon the film. With Agatha it was a different story.
> I felt we were overwhelmed by

nothing. And I'm not sure we could have foreseen what happened. I mean, what director, told Dustin Hoffman was going to be in his movie, would say, forget it?

forget it?"
Although clashes between Hoffman's organization and Vanessa Redgrave and others nearly sank Agatha, "the irony was that, for all the horrendous difficulties, the film helped my career. Hollywood had liked Stardust. Then I made a film for Warners called The Squeeze which they hated and refused to release in America, so I went back down America, so I went back down the ladder three rungs. Then I made Agatha, in which I'd directed a major American star, so I went back up four rungs. That's the crazy way the

rungs. That's the crazy way the system works."

The success of Coal Miner's Daughter has led Apted to move his wife and two sons to Los Angeles. Does this mean he is abandoning Britain for good? "Not at all. It's true that most of the other British directors working in America. directors working in America still live in England—it's a decision we all talk about. It seems to come down to your children. The others want to keep their kids at English schools, we decided to try them in school in the States. Even so, I only made an emotional commitment to America after I knew Coal Miner's Daughter would do well. We still have a house in England and I still want to work there if I can find the right mate-

"The importance of Coal in England, In America, they're Miner's Daughter to me is that much more willing to do less. I've proved to the studies I to put their own personalities

L'Africaine

Covent Garden

William Mann

When Covent Garden presented Meyerbeer's last opera a little over two years ago I for one doubted that we would see Franco Enriquer's production again. It had come, with its settings, from Florence, and presumably had to be returned. Like all Meyerbeer's French operas, L'Africaine is a long, elaborate, necessarily spectacular piece to stage; and who knew how many operagoers of today were at all interested in such a specimen of French prand opera, venerated in the last century, fallen into

last century, fallen into desuctude in our own?

Those five performances in the winter of 1978 were sold out, so the production has now returned to Covent Garden with

a much revised cast and a new conductor, David Atherton, who

contrives to accompany the cast

loyally, draw generous playing from the Royal Opera House

orchestra, often of striking eloquence, and lovingly tend the

music's internal detail especially where lift and rhythmic precision are concerned.

old-fashioned and static, set in massive pictorial scenery by Fiorella Mariani, such as the

work demands, sine qua non. The sets are spacious but quite

drab, excepting the galleon at sea, rolling in foaming billows

and opening to reveal all decks

at once. The sight excited a round of applause as did the

ultra-realistic, rather vulgar but

evocative oriental temple ex-

terior of Act IV (applause dur-

ing music is bad manners. I believe, though the temptation

could be understood). Alfred

Rodrigues's ballet looks more in-

ventive and cogent than before, and is more vivaciously danced.

Richard Gregson has staged Enriquer's work for this revival.

faithfully enough. It would look dull without forceful actors

as the principal singers.

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When Covent Garden presented

began to think my personal choice of material was so arty and off-beat, I really didn't know."

A tall, restless man, given to much pacing about behind his cameras, Apted has recently completed his second Ameri-can film, Continental Divide, a romantic comedy with John Belushi and Blair Brown. "It Belishi and Blair Brown. It wasn't my choice of what to do next. I had two projects I really wanted to make which fell through. But I'm a working director and I need to earn a living. I'm not one of those people prepared to sit around for five years between films. The limit is a living in the second se

Both in British television and now in his film-making career, Apted is known as a gambler, particularly in how he casts his fikes. Does he consciously take risks with his actors? "Absolutely, I think if a film is going to be exciting, you must gamble. Continental Divide is a nice piece of material, very well written, but unless you have a really unusual insections. ingredient in the casting it's something Glenda Jackson and Walter Matthau could do standing on their heads. In-stead, I've got Belushi in his first straight role."

Does he find American actors easier to work with than English actors?

"Not easier, but different. There's a much stronger literary and theatrical tradition

Grace Bumbry (Sélika) and Franco Bonisolli (Vasco de Gama)

Apted (left) on set with Tommy Lec Jones

on film rather than try to find mon with parts of northern a character. And by doing less to reveal more of themselves, the same warmth and humour among people banding together Faith in Stardust—if Adam Faith was American, he'd be terrifically successful, he'd be working all the time.

"I feel comfortable with American material now. There was no great secret to making Coal Miner's Daughter work. Appalachia has a lot in com-

The trouble with England is that people just don't get in the face of poverty and enough practice in film acting. People Tre worked with who hare a feeling for it, like Adam tionally takes great financial risks but small artistic ones, whereas in England we take whereas in England we take artistic gambles on very little money. I think the two sides go together quite well and go together quite were that's why a number of us are

Joan Goodman

Last night's television

The Life and Times of David Lloyd George BBC2

Michael Ratcliffe

Philip Madoc starts off with one supreme advantage as an impersonator of Lloyd George: he commands a marvellous Celtic pianissimo with which to gain the attention and from which he can as it were, both rise to the occasion and warm to his theme. You may not believe a word of it at the time, but you will continue to listen in the hope that some possibility of belief might be offered or belief might be differed— which sooner of later, of course, it is. It was when Mr Madoc produced this ace for the first time, and the line dividing sincerity from speciousness vanished hopelessly out of sight, that Elaine Morgan's new series came to life.

otherwise, it was a typical episode 1. The passing of time was often quite clumsy: the rebellious boy became the roung Criccierh lawyer, into his first blickmeil magnices. first blackmail, marriage, bas-tard and legitimate son, and his first triumph in court which led to adoption and return as Liberal member of Parliament for Caernaryon Boroughs in 1889. Torches lit the walls of

The Glazebrook Touch BBC2

Miles Kington

To look at and to listen to, piano tuning is about as excit-ing an activity as hitch-hiking at night on an empty road. Bob Glazebrook, it was made clear early on, is not just a piano tuner; he is Steinway's chief technician or, in his own words, "technical consultant to the artistic world of piano playing", and it was interesting to learn just how much personalized adjustment a concert grand needs before a top planist is needs before a top pianist is happy. But whether you call it piano tuning or technical consultancy, it still looks like fiddling around inside a piano, and Philip Speight, the producer of last night's study of Glazebrook, had the devil of a job to make it look interesting, especially as some of the cutting especially as some of the cutting

between sequences was pretty His solution, most of the time, was to present Glazebrook in company with famous planists, like a vet trying to calm so many highly strung pedigree cows. An ambition I toy with rom time to time is to produce the first honest sex magazine, called "Simulated Ecstasy",

them to test a piano, and the merest scrap of Schubert sends a look of the most unbearable passion drifting across their faces; their heads go this way and that, as if the intensity was killing them — I honestly thought Peter Frankl was going to burst into tears at one point and felt I should leave the room out of respect.

the castle for the new Prince of North Wales. Presumably

we can slow down a bit now !

there are eight episodes to

So much care has been taken

to establish the randy boyo's sexual charm that the people's

leader rather took second place. Young David's fatal flaw was carefully softened by shors of his lovability and wit whizing saucily through God's commercial on a retry large

whizzing saucily through God's countryside on a very large bike, and leaving tryst-notes in the drystone walling above the sandhills. We saw the Welsh landscape—the blue coastline, the luminous beach—entirely through his eyes, and violin, clariner and flute sang that we were right to do so. Who could possib'y resist?

Well, the pianising adverturess nearly did—I hope we have seen the last of hermand Margaret Owen, as played

and Margaret Owen, as played by Lisabeth Miles, is going to

quite soon. Every inch the difficult, loving, sharp yer curiously dim woman David

Lloyd George set his wicked and ambitious young heart on marrying, she makes a fine match for Madoc. There is little yet to suggest that The

little yet to suggest that The Life and Times of David Llavi

George, produced by John Hefin, will be saything extra-

ordinary but much that it will

be touching and intelligent, and give a great deal of pleasure over the next two months.

and I now realize that concert

pianists would make the ideal models, from the neck no. Ask

come.

was Glazebrook's own cheery down-to-corthuess and his line of talk which, though slow, was full of interest. The best scene by far occurred when, with the nearest concert planist a bun-dred nules away, he was called in by Lady Aberdeen in rescue her 90-year-old Steinway and he had to do the family ver act must be peacefully put down, your ladyship, or put out to grass. The best scene, that is until ten minutes from the end Bruce Forsyth erupted on the scene like a blast of fresh air to test a borrowed piano, to laugh and joke with Bob, tell a rather good story about the great Erroll Garner playing at the Palladium on a Steinway supported by a beer crate, and to sit at the piano himself and play without the slightest trace of sexual rapture. Nice one, Bruce.

Perlman/Camino Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

remit. To insist also that he performers to make a choice stand back from his artisty, between playfulness and stand back from his artistry, that he be able to look at himself objectively and not take himself seriously all the time, is perhaps to demand too much. Yet Itzhak Perlman has that precious gift of irony, and ir brings to his playing a whole new dimension.

He can produce the most dazzling feats of technical bril-liance, as he did on Tuesday in Paganini's last Caprice and arasate's Introduction et terentelle, and point them up as silly, He can also, more unusually, indulge his fancy in matters of tempo and phrasing while never losing his classical cool, as he showed marvellously in the slow movement of Mozart's C major Sonata, K.296. Or, when he wants to be romantic, he can if he wishes suggest that the pathos is all assumed. He can

audience to share the illusion. Powers of this kind enabled Paul Griffiths
One asks a great violinist to devote himself body and soul to his instrument without tradictions that normally oblige

them, or he can invite his

deflate the most moving expressive phrases even as he plays

and genuine emotion, formal orthodoxy and fantasy, could remain as exquisite contradictions. Mr. Perlman conceived the whole work as an elimest community of scamper through regions of enigms. make-believe and enigma, utterly true in that to Debussy, and he was magnificently partnered by Bruno Canino, a musician of comparable delicacy and dexterity.

Naturally, these players were less at bome in the E Hat Sonata by Richard Strauss, which offers, instead of Debussy's pretence, pretentiousness. It was the composer's last essay in hyper-Brahms before he decided, thankfully, that his talents lay elsewhere. And it was surely not Mr Perlman's fault that the first movement protested too much and the finale fell spart.

Mark Lubotsky and Karoly Botvay. Alert and sensitive to their every mood, his playing in the Schubert B flat major Trio, D.581 spoke, particularly in the Menuetto, with eloquent

> This first piece was for me alrogether the most satisfying the evening: Mark Lubotsky's winsome, sweetly lyrical

each perfectly placed note.

footed second Minuer, while the tentative sighs of the first were answered by some firm, fullbodied chording.

music nor, if truth be told, the greatest playing of the evening. was an appropriate and engag-

Goose-Pimples Hampstead

Irving Wardle

With memories of Acigail's Party and the sight of a leatherlook cocktail bar abutting a suburban fireplace, it is no surprise to find Mike Leigh holding another ghastly get-together for ghastly people.

Vernon, the owner of the flat ("You've got to admit it's me") has invited his fellow car salesman Irving and his lady wife Frankie round for dinner; and on their arrival the theatre is rent with braying laughter and the merry clink of glasses as they try to outdo each other on the subjects of exotic bolidays, haute cuisine and interior decoration, while preserving a strict silence on Vernon's furtive affair with the compul-

it consists of Vernon's lodger, Jackie, a girl croupier who a filthy rich Arab round to the flat with the apparent purpose of impressing the



social connexions. As there is nobody at home, she marks time by serving Vernon's whisky and making clip-joint small talk to her uncompre-heading guest, who is under the impression that he is being entertained in an outlying

Jackie does nothing to dis-pel this idea when he mistakes her invitation to dance for a solo performance cue and duti-fully throws a thick bankroll on to the mock-leopardskin rug; every note of which she gathers up and clutches into a ball ("Present, is it?"). With those two narrative lines established you can imagine that things so even more vertically downhill when the Wimbledon diners come roaring back full of T-bone steaks ready for a renewed assault on the bar.

As in Mr Leigh's previous shows, the playing text is developed from company improvisation under his direction. This leaves me wondering whether he is disappointed that actors should select such defenceless targets; or whether defenceless targets; or whether he encourages them to select easily despised stereotypes so as to flatter his public into a sense of superiority. Goose-pimples is often very funny; but it also has "how we live decamp in a rage to dine in Wimbledon, leaving the coast clear for the second party to begin.

Even manner than the first

at least gone out and met a few. The compensation as always, is that the roles fit the company like second skins. In this case they rely too heavily on invented comic accents, but their characters do have detailed coberence, and theatrical energy.

The liveliest among them are Jim Broadbent, whose Vernon riews everything under his roof as his personal property; Marion Bailey's twitching, hairpatting Jackie, whose every line is a move in the status game; and Antony Sher's Arab, stoically relaxed among the lunatic Londoners, and creating wonderful farcical cadenzas with hardly a line of intelligible dialogue.

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Romeo and Juliet Coliseum

John Percival

The people who have been writing off Nureyev for the past few years will have to go on doing so for a while longer, judging by the verve with which he led Festival Ballet into their Coliscum season on Tuesday in his own production of Romeo and Julict. There were ticket scalpers outside the theatre as evidence of popularity, and on stage a performance to sustain

Nureyer is dancing only three of the performances (and those are already sold out), let me mention the rest of the com-

The Russlan pianist Emil Gilels has bad to cancel his

recital at the Festival Hall next

Sunday, after being taken ill following a concert in Amsterdam. His place will be taken by Shura Cherkassky, a fellow Russian who now lives in

Chief among those is Grace Bumbry, who returns to the title role, even more perceptive pany first. There are to be many different interpreters of the title parts over the next formight, Tuesday's Rosaline, Benvolio, Mercutio and Paris among them. Those particular roles were all handsomely sus-tained, with Jay Jolley's blithe bur concerned Benvolio a special pleasure.

One notable feature of this production, however, is the way you can rely on all the charac-ters to maintain their interest, and their relative importance. through many changes of tast.
The whole choreography derives
so closely from the play that
you could almost say Nureyev
had taken Shakespeare as a collaborator, whereas competing versions tend to derive more from other ballets.

The production is nearly four rears old now, but has been maintained with all its details as polished as it they had only just been set. Even when the performers introduce a new touch, as happened on Tuesday when Nicholas Johnson seized the chance for some fun with hats taken from one of the bystanders, they all develop logically in character.

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goodness and ability to bestride dramatic conflict, even more in

command of her music and its

French text, which she enunciates best in the whole cast. Her

lullaby in the prison scene was

poised with true dignity and

concern, the various duets splendidly sustained, the final monologue, when she inhales the poisonous scent of manzanilla flowers, greatly touching—though marred by noisy chatter

from backstage. Also retained from the 1978 cast are Richard

Van Allen's dour, pungent Don Pedro and Silvano Carrolli's

Nelusko, more restrained than

before, perilous as to rapport with the orchestra pit, but

enthusiastic in his grand song

Those merits are important. but what matters most in Romeo and Juliet is the way the two lovers are played. Patricia Rusane, the original Julier of this production, is at her best in the moments of deep tragedy. Not that there is anything to complain of in the way she shows the playfulness

of Juliet before falling in love, but I can imagine that those dances might be given with a greater sense of fun. It will be interesting to see whether any of the other dancers tackling the role achieve that; I am sure it will be hard for them to beat Ruanne's sense of despair at lost love.

"Adamastor, roi des vagues

profondes".

L'Ajricaine deals with an

adventure of Vasco de Gama,

either in Africa or India-the

authors could not make up their

minds. Vasco himself is nov.

enacted, in sterling picaresque fashion, by Franco Bonisolli, who has the heroic figure and

the fluent, forthcoming, win-some tenor voice for his music.

He trumped the favourite "O Paradis" with a brilliant, more

animated conclusion; and then with his singing in his subse-quent duet with Selika, perhaps

the high-point of the evening.

Vasco's Spanish sweetheart, Inex, is palely taken by Miwako

Matsumoto, pretty and digni-fied but fluttery of voice, sparse

As for Nurevey, it is often remarked that his doncing now has less brilliance than it had 10 or 15 years ago. True, but how many male dancers have ever come near his physical virtuosity? And his dancing today has a greater expressive-ness than when he first arrived in Britain, a clarity and commit-ment which are rarely rivalled and, in my experience, unsurpassed.

Aldeburgh Trio

Queen Elizabeth Hall

with legato until her duet with Sélika, "Par quelle trahison", when the Japanese soprano suddenly revealed unsuspected

reserves of power and clo-quence. The strength of the cast

moy be indicated by the

presence, much appreciated, of

such singers as Robert Tear.

such singers as Robert Tear, floudd McIntyre and Gwynde llowell, in subsidiary roles. There are no French singers in the cast, and most of the text is barely intelligible. L'Africaine in English would be a better idea, though internationally celebrated singers might not agree.

not agree.
Meyerbeer devotees had bet-

ter flock to this revival, or we

will never get the Hugentos we long for on stage.

Hilary Finch

They take their name from the place where they met in 1978, coaching for master classes: since then the Aldeburgh Trio have lost one viola player, Atar have lost one viola player, Atar Arad, to the Cleveland Quartet and gained Nobuko Imai, only to lose her temporarily (indisposition, we were told; she should be back in June), while the 25-year-old Viennesc Thomas Riebl's musical empathy and keen intuitive sense have grown quickly in the eight concerts in which he has so far played with his older partners.

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and interestingly coloured timbres of its own.

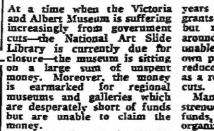
first violin caught the fine thread of melancholy which runs through the work and, with his colleagues, spun an exquisitely fine-meshed Andante and a Menuetto whose lingering phrases were always strengthened by a sharp focus-ing in the plangent heart of

That same mercurial quality, ing valedictory serenade

such a persuasive characteristic of Mr Lubotsky's playing, per-vaded the Beethoven E flat Op 3 Trio, no less. Here though it tended to give a flighty character to the first and last Allegro movements, with frequently short measure on some accented and ued notes. But if here the capriciousness was just too fickle, it came into its own in the sweetly intoned. light-

After the interval Beet-hoven's D major Op 8 Trio. while neither the greatest

Arts agenda



but are unable to claim the money.

Dr Roy Strong, the V&A's director, said the museum's regional fund was "awash with money which we cannot spend" because, under Treasury guidelines, the regional museums have to match every £ granted from the fund with a 5 they raise themselves. a 5 they raise themselves.

Our of the regional purchase rant of 51,504,000 for 1980-81. the V&A expects to have 5400,000 left unspent at the end of the financial year on

The regional fund used to be tinning: Leo McKern is off exhausted well before the end back to his homeland of of each year; in the past two Australia later this year to

years bigger government grants have increased the fund, but many of the museums around the country have been unable to benefit because their own purchase funds have been reduced, or abolished entirely, as a result of local government. as a result of local government

Many museums have been strengously seeking alternative funds, from local supporters or organizations such as the National Heritage Fund. The V&A thought it was "only be dint of their ingenuity that they are managing to do as much as they are."

There is no sign of the Treasury relaxing the £ for £ rule, but the Government has recognized the position, to the extent of cutting the regional purchase grant by more than a third, to £1m, for 1981-82. Many museums have been

The enthusiasm for putting the novels of D. H. Lawrence on the screen seems to be con-tinuing: Leo McKern is off back to his homeland of

rence's Kangaroo; he will play Ben Cooley, the fascist-style political leader who is the Kangaroo of the title. McKern, in the meantime, is still considering the possibility of doing another television series of Rumple. series of Rumpole.

Complications over the American rights to O'Casey's play Juno and the Paycock have put paid to plaus by Dublia's Abbey Theatre to present the work in the United States the work in this summer.

Joe Dowling, the Abbey's aristic director, said the rights had been held by the Royal Shakespeare Company, which is currently presenting Juno in London; by the time it had been arranged to transfer the rights it was too letter the rights. rights, it was too late to stage large-scale tour.

So instead the Americans will be seeing O'Casey's The Shadow of a Gunman, which the Abbey will present at the Theatre Festival in June, and probably also in Washington, Philadelphia and Boston.

Dowling himself will be in the United States next week to start rehearsals for the Ameri-can premiere of Brian Friel's Translations, which opens at the Manhatten The the Manhattan Theatre Club on April 7. (Translations receives its British premiere at the Hampstead Theatre Club the following month.)

E Soured relations between Britain and Russia over Afghanistan caused the cancellation last year of various visits to Britain by Russian artists, but the difficulties now seem to have been overcome and a British tour is scheduled later this spring for one of the leading Russian orchestras, the Moscow Philharmonic, Under its music director Dimitri Kitaenko, it will tour England and Wales in late April and early May, with a Royal Phil-harmonic Society concert at the Festival Hall on April 22.

When Bekast's Grand Opera House reopened last year, it meant that Northern When Belfast's Grand reland had, for the first time in many years, a large enough venue to house the big British touring companies. In June Belfast will see the first fruits of this facility when the facility was a see that the facility was a see tha of this facility when Scottish opera takes its production of Eugene Onegin and La traviata across the Irish Sea for a week

of performances.

The cost of transporting a large company, scenery and other equipment across to Northern Iteland makes such visits much more expensive than marries, wittouring elsewhere in Britain, modernized but Mr Michael Barnes, artistic in August. director of the opera house, believes Scottish Opera will be only the first of many companies to make the trip. Visits by two dance companies are already planned

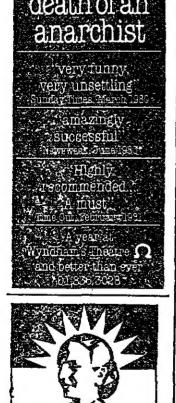
Scottish Opera, which will return to Belfast in 1982 with a new production of The Pearl Fishers, is also travelling to

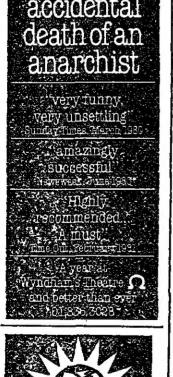
Europe this July, visiting the Carinthian Summer Festival. at Villach in Austria, and the Ljublana Festival in Yugoslavia, with productions of two Britten operas, A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Rope of Investig of Lucreria.

Mark Medoff's play Children of a Lesser God, which is still running on Broadway after nearly a year, will be presented in London this summer. The play, about the relationship between a young deaf woman and the speech therapist she eventually marries, will open at the newly modernized Mermaid Theatre

NOT TO BE MISSED: Pierre Boulez returns to conduct the BBC Symphony Orchestra in 2 programme of Bartok (with Daniel Barenboim), Schoenberg and Varèse, at the Festival Hall next Wednesday.

Martin Huckerby









"I am encouraged to hope that when, on February 5, the Year of the Cock dawns and the cock crows it will be proclaiming that Hongkong will find satisfaction if nor feast in the year ahead." This was what the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said at the annual New Year dinner of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that Hongkong faced the second year of this decade "against a background of an unprecedented five-year period of sustained growth".

Chiuse customs officials a capitalist and gently sought Premier Chou's what is interested to give wrond-the clock calls from Hongkong residents who are prepared to give warning of attempts to smuggle luxury items into China. Those who cooperate will be rewarded with 15 per continue to invest in Hongkong. Premier Chou's that are prepared to give warning of attempts to smuggle luxury items into China. Those who cooperate will be rewarded with 15 per continue to invest in Hongkong than laugh, shook Lord the cooperate will be rewarded with 15 per continue to invest in Hongkong in the pointed out that Hongkong faced the section of the value of any 200ds that are thereby seized.

During the past two months, smuggled goods worth an estimated SHK7m were seized aboard more than 20 Hongkong fishing junks,

He went on to list its livestock and petroleum—assets: "Our envisible were worth SHK10.0000m—or than programment and any advice on whether he should receive round-theclock calls from Hongkong residents whom residents to give various of attempts to smuggle under the programment of attempts to smuggle under the cooperate with 15 per continue to invest in Hongkong that laugh, shook Lord Thomson warmly by the hand and said: "I look forward to our next meeting."

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He went on to list its livestock and petroleum— junks, assets: "Our enviable were worth 5HK10.000m—or geographical position, our approximately 40 per cent of mutually rewarding relations our budgetary strength, the excellence of our external expenses.

Again to quote Sir of the few imponderables. The estimated population and strength of the few imponderables.

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and his recent discussions action against subgroup of in Canton, which fixed the television and radio sets, final clampdown on all warches and clothing into illegal entrants from China. China hy Hongkong fishing think about it?, the official replied. "We have not had time to think about it?, the official replied. "Meanwhile Ludvise border is vanishing. Canton in both Canton and Hong. Hongkong and continue to had the controlled to the contro "We have not had time to bilgest entrants from China. China hy Hongkong fishing Tambour it "the official border is vanishing. Canton is vanishing. Canton is both Canton and Hongkong and continue to special economic cone across smugglers. Hongkong apped the border in which Hong investment already amounts to SHK1,250m fire inside Hongkong amounts to SHK1,250m fire inside Hongkong and Chinese gunboats open amounts to SHK1,250m fire inside Hongkong and Chinese gunboats open Hongkong—chiefly food, diques and herbal medicine.

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our hudgetary strength, the excellence of our external communications and harbour, our financial services, and the continuing ability of our industrialists to expand markets and of our workforce to keep pace with the more complex work called for ".

He also paid tribute to "the friendly support of the British Government". However, there is now a continuing of the Chinese Government". However, there is now a continuing deterioration in Hong-British relations after the introduction of the new British Nationality Bill, Guangdong har just estab.

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Wooing the business visitor

to him by Sir Anthony Royle, class hotels. Projects in the visiting Vice-Chairman of the British Conservative 4,000 extra hotel rooms by Party, who said he had been the end of 1983. Last October since the che

It may not be delicate to Marco Polo, opens in Tsim-November, up 39 per cent: business you can subsidize ditions in Japan, but the mention it, but holiday shatsui. The underground December, up 63 per cent: the others." He expected that colony also has a bad reputamakers are not the most railway (known as the mass lucrative visitors to Hong.

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Happy accidents lessen trade deficit

borrowed time, as one commentator has aptly described it, but it also has a way of being in the right place at the right time. Felicitous accidents of position and timing have accounted for much of the colony's economic success in the past, and last year was no exception.

last year was no exception.

Just when the gathering clouds of recession and protectionism in Hongkong's most important export markets—for clothing and textiles in particular—were beginning to shorten order books and to increase unemployment, the traditional entrepot trade with China revived strongly. This helped to keep the visible trade deficit within manageable, although still worrving oroalthough still worrying, pro

Equally fortuitous events helped Hongkong the previous year. An influx of refugees from China and from Vietnam put a heavy burden on housing and other social services then but it also provided a pool of new labour to keen wage rates at

kong's economy our of more serious trouble, including rapidly rising, double-digit inflation and possibly an even wider trade deficit.

Indeed, in his annual budget on February 25 Sir Philip Haddon-Cave admitted that the growth rate of Hongkong's total ex-ports will fall to 12 per cent in 1981 compared with 12.7

to give concessions on the level of income at which Hongkong's standard rate of Hongkong's standard rate of 15 per cent personal income tax becomes payable.

The trade deficit rose by SHK3.500m last year to SHK13.400m as imports rose somewhat faster than overall exports and much faster more so. The Government at least good deal of the money like the first savilable it is going into real estate, somewhat faster than overall enough for those unfort which continues to command around the MTR terminals will cost about SHK7,000m as imports rose tunate enough to be out of ever higher prices and rents, will cost about SHK7,000m and 1986 exports. The admits that rising wages and riate staff were ro ease off, saving factor was reexports expectations are making the in line with lowered expects.

falling now. This reflects a decline in orders for textiles, plastics, electrical goods and

Unemployment, at 4.3 per crete cent (last September), is not myria yet a serious social problem blocks

crete landscape and its also appears to be below promyriad office and apartment jections.

social services then but it also provided a pool of new labour to keep wage rates at internationally competitive levels.

It is hard to see, however, just what factor may intervene this year to bale Hoogs to give concessions on the kong's economy out of more level of income as which

admitted what the grown and much faster rate of Hongkong's total exports and much faster ports will fall to 12 per cent in 1981 compared with 127 per cent last year, with falls in both exports and reexports. He also forecast a drop in imports but the negative aspects of this is that it implies some slowdown in business activity which could damage even the reduced prospects of the export section.

Sir Philip predicted a fall in the content of the export section. Sir Philip predicted a fall in Hongkong's gross domestic on the per cent last year, to 8 per cent compared with 9 per cent last year, to 8 per cent compared with 9 per cent last year, to 18 per cent compared with 9 per cent last year, to 18 per cent compared with 9 per cent last year, to the content in the China's major task least its expected to slow the rate of consumer price rate with its neighbouring banks and finance companies should also be booked in the content of the property and the content of the property of the content of the property and the content of the property of the content of the property of the content of the property of the content of the property and the property and

was way off track. The estimated surplus for 1981-82 is now put at \$KR\$9,320m against the figure of \$KR\$9,00m originally budgeted for. Once again soaring revenues from public sales of land (all of which the Government owns in Hongkong) have produced a large surplus.

This looks good in the short rerm but local business leaders are becoming increase in the Government ways at current inflation levels. It has elso led some weavers to turn their factor ment's refusal to make cheap land available for industrial development. With revenues corporation rax by half a left of impact on the domestic no more rising rapidly.

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Finance

Stockmarket boom gives false picture

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Printing

Hurtling out of space came the 'Herald Tribune'

in Asia despite arriving at the Journal's experience is nounced its faith in the law, this bribery is not illegal as long to increase circulation ten- Journal lost \$500,000 a year historic \$000,000 a year historic \$000,00 point is somewhere about 15,000 capies. It is giving itself three years to make itself three years to make by satellite from Paris and by satellite from Paris and printed in Hongkong

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its lead over Asian competition. Chinese consumption, defined. The ghost stories. tors such as Singapore and South Korea.

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*Correspondent claims. Nor any of the cul- special effects departments. This seems to be creating

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insufficient training signal the decline, if not the demise, of local cinema. But the most thriving popular film industries in the world, to-senter with India and Japan, to senter with India and Japan, the sentence with India and India an

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Film industry

Spread of colour TV has not

Chieffinese community.

Though kung fu has faded farces, often featuring a little in popularity—to be replaced it seems with the less imaginative urban violence of the new Hollywood linds and Mickey Roomeys, vipliants creling author of in careful graded sizes seem lence of the new Hollywood lands and Stakey Robbeys, vigiliame cycle—a number of in careful graded sizes, seem. Hongkong-made kung fu able to absorb everything movies still find extensive from lackeymose musical international release, pro- interlude to all-out comedy viding a useful open door any aficionado of Carry On into world markets which or Chesch and Chong would last anythy recognize. perhaps Honglong film instantly recognize, makers will be able to find. The biggest production

tide them over.

The high standards in the supporting industries, including typesetting, colour separation and camera work.

Until about 10 years ago.

Stories, musical romances punit-up residential of languages and broad comedies, usually trial districts.

Of late, the rigid studio system of production has contain elements verging on heen breaking down a little; the supernatural, but as a few film-producing components to the supernatural of languages to the Hongkong films were strictly rule their limits are strictly panies can now contrive to for Chinese consumption, defined. The ghost stories, keep all their facilities fully since they did not have any always a stante of Chinese occupied round the year with of the obvious cultural cinema, seem to get gorier their own product, and so

That situation did not and decomposing flesh,

ther ways of exploiting.

However, that remains still Sir Run Run Shaw, us the gilt on the singer- working from a studio with backlots and standing sets such as has hardly been seen in Hollywood for 20 years; though eyen in Hongkong eus to engulf it. Compared with the Shaw enterprise other studios—there are nearly 40 of them, mostly on the mainland—tend to have increase.

Most of these films fall Row, with their few all-purinto one of four clear cate-pose sets huddled together gories: martial arts, ghost in the middle of already

this workforce in the In the New Territories of tural pretensions: this was being pushed to the limit in an opening for the long-industry.

The shortage of skilled shack is equipped with its directed straight at the deaths, spectacular enchant own colour television set. In heart of its reliable mass ments and a particular a vocal minority of Hongitry has been compounded the West, this would surely audiences.

The shortage of skilled shall be declined with the fare requirements and decompounts likely satisfied with the fare requirements. satisfied with the fare requ-larly offered by local film-makers, and feel that the time is rine for something either with India and Japan, the first Chinese internal operators. Chinese novels like The An increasing number of the Although it is such a small demonstrated that Hongkong Story of the Stone) seem to also, have been studying at film schools in Britain and America, and coming back

with bright new ideas which they want to put into effect. Last year's Hongkong international film festival funother effective impetus for change in Hongkong cine-ma) included six first feature films completed that year.
Only one, The Butterfly
Murders, was a big-budget
martial arts film (bandled with freedom and independence); three were indepencompanies, and the other two were financed by their own writer-directors.

Five of the six directors had studied abroad, and the sixth had a buckground in experimental cinema; five bad worked extensively in the suburban sprawl threat- television, and the sixth was ber of independent and first features produced, strongly suggest that new blood is likely to put new life into the old industry, before it becomes too mummified. They also suggest that the industry as it stands is so effective and confident that it can absorb new talent and indulge them. The prospects for the 1980s seem to be good not only for quantity of production but also for quality.

John Russell Taylor

Art market

Not the place to buy pots

time your visit to Hongkong to coincide with the series of sales that Sotbeby's hold there every spring and autumn. Sotheby's have been. autum. Someoy's have been holding sales in Hongkong since 1973 and have achieved a remarkable transformation of the market. The sales have been organized under the control of a Min Sotheby director, Mr Julian Thomson, a Cambridge enth-mathematician turned sino-logue the control of a Min were enth-mathematician turned sino-logue the control of a Min were enth-mathematician turned sino-logue the control of a Min ago.

by, the taste of Chinese col-lectors appears to have moved backwards. Fourteenth and fifteenth century Ming blue and white wares were first sought after with enthusiasm about five years

For the casual visitor with Their policy is not generally in Jiangsu province in addition to the collection, an interest in Chinese cera- to take goods from the West 1910 and began his career as having been sold by mics, Hongkong is definitely to sell rhere, but to auction a dealer in Shanghai, He Someby's in November, 1972. not the place to buy pots, goods that come in for sale established links with the for a mere f14,000. There has abound with clever locally—genuine, carefully West at an early age, and in was even interest in the modern fakes, and even respectable dealers feel little thus predominably on goods. New York, settled in Hong-ton the unwary as the unwary as the local transfer as the local transfer and the unwary as the local transfer and the local transfer as the unwary as the local transfer and the local transfer and the local transfer and the local transfer as the local transfer and the local transfer as the local transfer and transfer

that appeal to Chinese taste. kong. He retired from dealon to the unwary as genuine.

Most prized by Chinese collectors are the Imperial in 1968 and settled in the second collectors are the Imperial is, wares made in the carefully prepared introductions to the few dealers who hardle genuine wares, and with enough knowledge to convince them that you are a desirable client. They cannot be found without guidance—their shops may appear to be something quite else, one a junk shop, are the paper-thin porcelain gine 1968 and settled in the sequence until his death in Geneva until his death in Geneva until his death in the collection at about the age of 20, keeping for himself take long to realize that pieces whose rarity, beauty there was an excellent local market in jewelly to be his exacting standards.

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Alternatively, you can carefully placed in relation friend of many years, the no buyers for important diagram of the property of the propert

As the years have gone

to the form of the piece to Paris dealer M Michel mond pieces or other stan-be decorated. Often small, Beurdeley. A fifteenth cen-dard coloured stones. In one they are the epitome of tury Chenghoa doucal area, however, there has refinement.

Chicken cup, a tiny piece of never been any slackening of exquisite decoration and of

Even more surprising, in a sense, was the result of the London sale which contained mathematician turned sinologue; he is among the most
respected connoisseurs of
Chinese art to be found today in either East or West.
The first impact of collectors have moved back
Sotheby's sales in Hongkong was to bring the market
in genuine, important cermics out into the open.

ago.

More recently, and this
was particularly underlined
by the sale of the great
Chow collection last autumn.
Collectors have moved back
and Song ceramics. A flowershaped brushwasher of the
Song dynasty realized
Edward T. Chow was born

ago.

More recently, and this
Sotheby's to be of more
Western taste. The Hongkong contingent arrived in
London in force, and carried
and Song ceramics. A flowershaped brushwasher of the
Song dynasty realized
Edward T. Chow was born the pieces judged by Sotheby's to be of more

ing English.

demand: fine jade jewelry extreme rarity, was sold is always notly competed for SHK48m (£401,133). for Jade, especially if a fine Sotheby's had been predict translucent emerald greening a price of about colour, is as much prized £100,000. by the Chinese as are diamonds in the West.

A recent development has been auctions devoted to twentieth-century Chinese painting. Most of the artists now live in Shanghal, Hong, kong or Taiwan but worked in all parts of China in pre-revolutionary days.

Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Easier times for garrison

The effect of this on the tiny garrison was unpopular. The four battalions which had been taking it in turns to guard the border, for specialist support, to help four to six weeks at a time, to push back the tide.

continued from facing page found themselves working. There were also operatimes that number were in Northern Ireland, al- were spending so much time times that number were in Northern Ireland, although to have safely escaped to Kowloon. Most wives of the British they had no time to train also by sea, either by boat or by swimming.

The effect of this on the timy garrison was unpopular. The four battalions which tional battalion had to be the colory with the color with

border. Another is that the Chinese authorities are cooperating more closely than before and are preventing many would be immigrants

from reaching the frontier. most important reason however was, the garrison's net were allowed to stay in the colony. The to have an official identification card to find work has meant that illegal entry is no longer worth the

28 or so overnight. The burden on the gar-rison should grow lighter as a result of the latest DCA time in which to practise which was signed last Octo-their internal security skills, ber. The need to revise the familiarizing themselves agreement arose from the effect of rising costs. The effect of rising costs. The of Kowloon, or learning how new one, while not altering the proportion of costs paid by Britain and the Hong-kong Government, has in optential recruited to be booked in the hunt for potential recruited. effect meant that Hongkong will pay more through an improvement in the account-

But Britain in turn agreed to return the second bat-talion, which had earlier been withdrawn, on a per-manent basis. Illegal immigration was not directly the underlying reason,

ing system.

according to official sources. The growth in population had indicated the need for more troops in case internal threatened.

The extra battalion will month-long jungle, warfare exercises which each battalion undergoes every year in Brunei or Fiji.

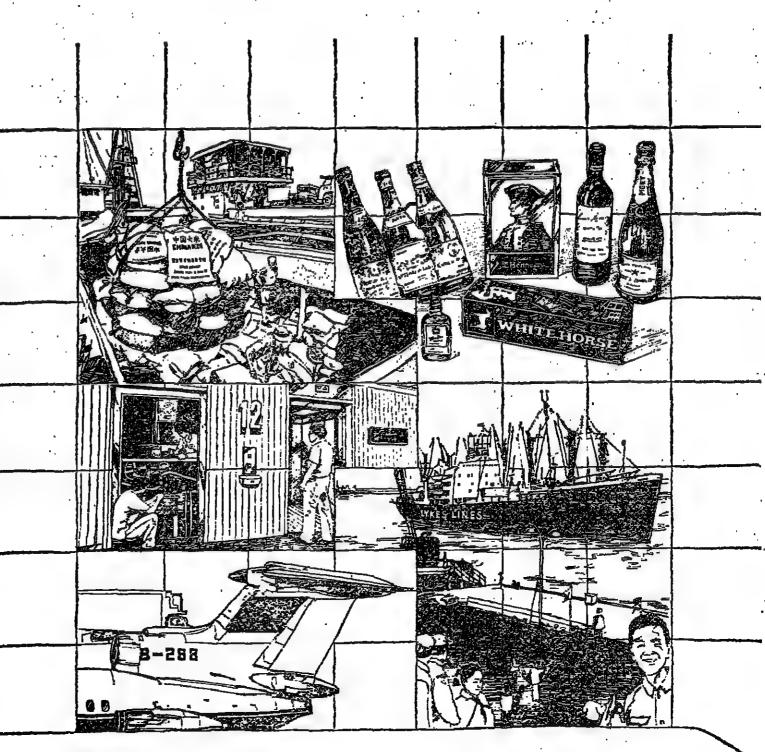
The problem has eased for several reasons, and is likely to become still more manageable in future. One reason is that a new high fence has been built on the solders to serve there, and border. Another is that the partly to allow Gurkhes a partly to allow Curkhes a chance to serve somewhere

The 1,000-strong Hong-kong Military Service Corps, comprising locally enlisted Hongkong recruits who serve as drivers, mechanics recent ending of the "touch or interpreters, is also to be base" rule, under which expanded, probably by 50 those who escaped the per cent. It is hoped that this will enable the corps to take on more active duties.

Sources point out that or numbers alone one could effort and the risk. Nearly make out a case for sending 500 a day were caught in two extra battalions to the the last week before the colony, not one, but the work base" era ended, planned expansion in the but the number dropped to size and scope of the service corps should obviate

> They should also have more time in which to enjoy life in the colony. Single and married British servicemen are still waiting for the

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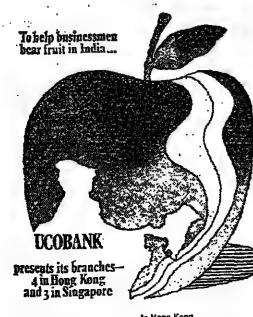
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the urban areas, where he could turn up at Victoria Barracks and apply for a Hongkong identity card the

But from October 26 on-

dentity cards or other speci-

fied documents was also banned. Fines of up to

\$HK50,000 and three years in

jail were heavy deterrents.

However, the expected rush for identity cards never materialized. Immigration officials had prepared facili-

Almost immediately after this, a new problem emerged

—the "illegals " from Macau and the Indian sub-continent caught by the same ner and

employment ban, but who

ized themselves to petition Sir Murray MacLehose, the

pathy for this category of "illegals".

families and settled peacefully in the overcrowded

The processing of these facau and sub-continental llegal immigrants is still

Community leaders that this minority had never been a burden on the economy; many had raised

next day.

Property

Second most expensive real estate in the world

edge of the Central area bond, loan and money marsuitable for office developkets have grown under the ment was auctioned by the Government's laisser faire Hongkong Government for economic policies. is owned or leased by the Government, which grants leases to purchasers.) Land costs of this magnitude, coupled with a general maximum plot ratio of 18 it, have pushed up the purchase price of top-class office accumendation over \$HK5,000 at square foot. Residential accommodation has experienced a similar growth rate, and apartments of more than \$1.500 sqf fin hetter residential resals ground till areas sell for more than \$1.500 sqf fin hetter residential accommodation has experienced as impressed for companies, particularly banks, keen to establish a contain of \$1.500 sq fin hetter residential accommodation over \$1.500 sqf fin hetter residential accommodation over \$1.500 sqf fin hetter residential areas sell for more than \$1.500 sqf fin hetter residential accommodation shaded the specific experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments on the highly annoyable to statistics from their experiments of the building to he Carrian of the building to the record price of Since May 1978 a further 41 foreign banks have opened Hongkong branches, is owned or leased by the Government, which grants torium on new licences in August 1979.

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(now renamed Bank of America Tower) for ap-proaching \$HK1,000m. The history of Gammon House illustrates the wheeling and dealing which is a major It also hinted that controls feature of Hongkong's on commercial rents and pre-

lation rivals the stock markets and horse racing as the kong's property market favourite local form of which has not experienced gambling. Small investors big price increases is indushave been able to partici-

have been able to participate directly in the property boom because of the unusual method by which develop-ments are financed in the colony. Until recently it was possible for a developer to construct a building while providing less than 10 per cent of the cost from his own funds. Many of today's big local property companies. by local property companies, such as Mr Li Ka Shing's Cheung Kong Holdings and Sun Hung Kai Properties, financed their growth by using government and public funds.

a set of architect's plans before he could pre-sell units warning that the upward
in the building to end-users movement of rents and capiand speculators. They paid tal values will not continue at deposit and then made proat its present pace, and number of illegal immigrants gress payments as the deveseveral forecast that 1981 from Macau quickly organ-

ong public's imagination, taking demand. and in 1980 queues camped

the soaring property prices it produced, suffered a big setback in mid-1980 when the Government introduced residential rent controls, giving tenants security of ten-ure and limiting increases to

trial accommodation. Stagnation in the colony's manu-facturing activity has left rents below SHK5 a square foot a month, prompting owners of factories in suitable locations to convert their buildings to offices. In more remote areas of the New Territories the Government is trying to attract new industries by offering sites on industrial estates attractive rents, but apart from a Carlsberg brewery it has had little success.

sive item, frequently accounting for 70 per cent of the total cost, but the Government defends and Hongkons is a coations, it is a continuous and Hongkons is a coations. workers to such socations, hour grace period ended, and Hongkong is now falling only 6.952 had surfaced. Government accepted behind Singapore in im deferred payments spanning attempts to foster high technical years at attractive nology manufacturing, destinterest rates. A developer pite relatively low accommodation costs.

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Paul Wilson

Immigration

Illegal entries have effectively been stopped

ing, medical and welfare services and the setting up of other social projects can be little more than the draw-ing of blueprints in a dimly-lit room. The problem of estimating the size of the population has always been aggravated by illegal immigration from China, Since October 23, 1980, however, this influx has effectively been stopped. On that day the British administration abandoned its liberal, but socially disast-rous, policy of allowing all mainland Chinese who entered the colony illegally, but who managed to evade capture, to remain. The risk of capture was greatest at the land frontier and the sea approaches to Hongkong, and evaporated once the illegal immigrant reached

But from October 26 on-wards (there was a three-day grace for all illegal immigrants who had entered before October 23 to apply for identity cards) carrying of identity cards became compulsory throughout the colony, and anyone found withour one (if he turned out to be an illegal immi-grant) would be reparriated Photograph: Andrew Ward

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is already needed to build enough public housing, hospitals and clinics, schools and industrial training work employed—4 per cent of the shops for the 250,000 Chinese estimated to have entered legally and illegally since

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British soldiers question only maintain existing levels international terms, the tent at not finding an illegal immigrant.

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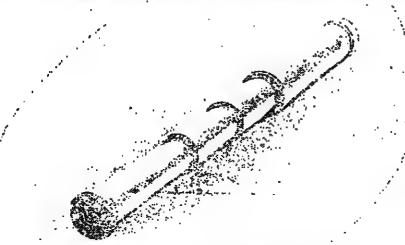
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going on and a few have been repatriated. Illegal immigration from China and Macau is now down to a trickle and those captured have attempted to enter during the holiday breaks at Christmas and the Chinese New Year. Most maintain they were unaware of the new policy. Thousands of identity cards have been reported missing but the police are unable to say whether these have been stolen for purposes of forgery or lost through carelessness. The fear that the tough policy would create an illegal sub-world has so far not been substantiated although police sources say as much as 64 per cent of armed rob beries of goldsmiths' shops and other violent quick-cas's crimes are committed by Scrapping the "touch-ase" policy, however, has

plugged only one immiera tion hole; an average of 150 Chinese are still entering the colony legally every day and officials say this number is still much too high. Legal immigration from China as this rate adds 55,000 people to the population each year, and the Government wants day. Talks with the Chinese authorities on this issue, if they have been held, have not been publicized. Most Chinese who enter legally stay on: only 3 per cent eventually return home, immigration officials say. The Government is, conse-quently, applying stricter

rules on visa extensions. Now that immigration is not such a problem, the Gov-ernment is faced with the unenviable task of creating

unenviable task of creating a better social environment for the vopulation, officially estimated at 5.067.500 in June, 1980.

The only person who thinks this figure is "probably correct" is the director of the Census and Statistics Department. Everyone else imagines there are at least six million people in Hongkong. Such estimates are based on rough visual surveys of overcrowded hospital wards, schools and public transport facilities.

If the population census

If the population census does show a much higher figure than 5,100,000, the problem of providing ade-quate social services will be

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Printing

Hurtling out of space came the 'Herald Tribune'

Asian journalists had to contend with an invader from ficiently worised to move its Europe when the International Herald Tribune came used to print at 11 am but hurtling out of space in had to cope with the publical and economic Review, press may accept bribes to the highest selling Asia out of the paper, This can political and economic maganature of the paper, This can be insufficient to a place in the hours earlier. claim to a place in the hours earlier. world's major growth area.

The Tribune which was be patient in waiting to show Journal, already selling 2,000 copies a profit on its Asian run if Reader in Asia despite arriving at the Journal's experience is least two days late is aiming anything to go by. The Asian review's rival Asiaweek, by in increase circulation ten Journal lost \$500,000 a year fold, although its break-even for three years and only in point is somewhere about recent months has moved somewhere about Several business magazines. Several business magazines

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Reader's Digest has an-

facilines. The worldwide recession are concerned. Because of a

brought a cut in overseas loophole in the law, this orders in the second half of last year, particularly from Britain and Australia. This

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Hongkong films were strictly tule their limits are strictly

tors such as Singapore and tors such as Singapore and South Korea.

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Film industry

Spread of colour TV has not signalled a decline

this workforce in the industry.

The shortage of skilled shake is equipped with its directed straight at the labour in the printing industry has been compounded the West, this would receive a underness the straight at the deaths, spectacular enchants ments and a particular a vocal minority of Hong-try has been compounded the West, this would receive audiences. insufficient training signal the decline, if not the demise, of local cinema. But Hongkong has one of the most thriving popular film industries in the world, together with India and Japan.

affected mainly small and place Hongkong, with its films' unsifected values as have been falling rather medium-scale printing compoulation of between five thoroughly professional from favour, though there panies.

Printers say publishers in the increase, compared for effective far beyond the ready for a good cry, and six million, rapidly on the effective far beyond the ready for a good cry, and six many of the China compared for the China compared for the compared for the china noint is somewhere about 16.000 copies, it is giving itself three years and only in 16.000 copies, it is giving itself three years to make from Paris and by satellite from Paris and printed in Hongkong is an ideal publishing centre because it has good communications and the dismissal of the editor in Paris and a drastic reorganication of the publishing countries with the dismissal of the editor in 2 publishers with the dismissal of the publishing countries with the department in Hongkong are ment interference and pay interest and the publishers are published in Hongkong are matched by a range of women's magazines which shelps to keep wages down. Several business magazines magazines magazines magazines which as more published in Hongkong are matched by a range of women's magazines which shelps to keep wages down. Several business magazines magazines magazines which as been a growth area for publication of books. Among the British publishers with operations or affiliates in Hongkong are holding up orders or placing only trial orders or test their markets. Australia used to take more their own and Lougman. Apart from Chinese books, the main activity is educational books and pamphlets, but the figure protection of the publishing department in Hongkong are ment interference and pay interest and once in the publishing department in Hongkong are ment interference and pay interest union the black.

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Chinese community. Though king to has faded farces, often featuring a little in popularity—to be assorted Chinese Shirley replaced it saems with the Temples and Freddig Barless imaginative urban vin tholomews, or Judy Garlence of the new Hollywood lands and Mickey Rooneys, lence of the new Hollywood vigilante cycle—a number of in careful graded sizes, seem Hongkong-made kung fu able to absorb everything wigilante cycle—a number of metabolic graded stats, seem Hongkong-made hung fu able to absorb everything movies still find extensive international release, providing a useful open door or cheech and Chong comedy remains thoughout makers will be able to find other ways of exploiting.

Harmon or the remains still Sir Run Run Shaw,

Most of these films fall Row, with their few all-pur-into one of four clear case- nose sets huddled together paries: martial arts, ghost in the middle of already Mandalin for many of them, and all are subtitled an as to be accessible to any literate person, whichever of the ining Chinese family of languages

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makers will be able to find other ways of exploiting.

However, that remains but rie gift on the ginger
hand like the gift of the backlots and standing sets such as has hardly been seen in Hollywood for 20 years; though even in Hongkong the suburban sprawl threatens to enguli ir. Compared with the Shaw enterprise other studios—there are nearly 40 of them, mostly on the mainland—tend to have rather the air of Poverty

with the accent on youth. Of late, the rigid studio The martial arts films often system of production has contain elements verging on been breaking down a little; the supernatural, but as a few film-producing com-Hongkong films were strictly tule their limits are strictly panies can now contrive to for Chinese consumption, defined. The ghost stories, keep all their facilities fully since they did not have any always a stable of Chinese occupied round the year with of the obvious cultural cinema, seem to get garier their own product, and so more and more often they

satisfied with the fare regu-larly offered by local film-makers, and feel that the time is ripe for something a little more adventurous. An increasing number of young Hongkong Chinese, also, have been studying at film schools in Britain and America, and coming back

with bright new ideas which they want to put into effect. Last year's Hongkong international film festival another effective impetus ma) included six first feature films completed that year.
Only one, The Butterfly
Murders, was a big-budget
martial arts film (handled with freedom and independence: three were indepencompanies, and the other two were financed by their own writer-directors.

Five of the six directors had studied abroad, and the sixth had a background in experimental cinema; five had worked extensively in television, and the sixth was already experienced in docuwhich were merely a sciection from a far larger number of independent and first features produced, strongly suggest that new blood is likely to pur new life into the old industry, before it becomes too mummified. They also suggest that the industry as it stands is so effective and confident that it can absorb new talent and indulge them. The prospects for the 1980s seem to be good not only for quantity of production but also for

John Russell Taylor

Art market

Not the place to buy pots

that appeal to Chinese taste.

Most prized by Chinese ing in 1968 and settled in the collectors are the Imperial Ming and Oing wares; that in, wares made in the carefully prepared introductions to the few dealers who handle genuine wares, and with enough knowledge to convince them that you are a desirable client. They cannot be found without guidance—their shops may appear to be something quite else, one a junk shop, one a jeweller.

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colocide with the series sales that Socheby's hold there every spring and autumn. Sotheby's have been. solding sales in Hongkong since 1973 and have schieved a remarkable gransformation of the market. The sales have been organized under the control of a Mins Sotheby director. Mr Julian were Thomson, a Cambridge enth mathematician turned sinologue; he is among the most

As the years have gone by, the taste of Chinese col-lectors appears to have moved backwards. Fourteenth and fifteenth century Ming blue and white wares were first sought after with enthusiasm about five years

More recently, and this

For the casual visitor with Their policy is not generally in Jiangsu province in addition to the collection, an interest in Chinese cerator to take goods from the West 1910 and began his career as having been sold by mics, Hongkong is definitely to sell there, but to auction a dealer in Shanghai. He Sotheby's in November, 1972, not the place to buy pots, goods that come in for sale established links with the for a mere £14,000. There lts shops abound with clever locally—genuine, carefully West at an early age, and in was even interest in the poctable dealers feel little thus predominantly on goods. New York, settled in Hongkong buyers.

Though Hongkong is small to the unwary as

Even more surprising, in a

sense, was the result of the London sale which contained the pieces judged by Sotheby's to be of more logue; he is among the most respected connoisseurs of Chinese art to be found to by the sale of the great day in either East or West. Chow collection last autumn. The first impact of collectors have moved back soft by the Sales in Hong-kong was to bring the market la genuine, important ceramics out into the open. More recently, and this Sotheby's to be of more Western taste. The Hong-kong contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the Song dynasty realized Edward T. Chow was born fastern taste. The Hong-kong contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the Song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the Song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the Song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the Song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics. A flower-shaped brushwasher of the song dynasty realized in the contingent arrived in London in force, and carried away most of the early Ming and Song ceramics.

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by the Chinese as are diamonds in the West.

A recent development has been auctions devoted to twentieth-century Chinese painting. Most of the artists now live in Shanghai, Hong. kong or Taiwan but worked in all parts of China in pre-revolutionary days.

Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Easier times for garrison

or by swimming.

The effect of this on the ting garrison was unpopular. The four battalions which had been taking it in turns to guard the border, for specialist support, to help four to six weeks at a time, to push back the tide.

continued from facing page found themselves working as hard as their colleagues tional disadvantages. Troops that number were in Northern Ireland, althought to have safely estable though without the danger, catching immigrants that more troops in case internal caped to Kowloon. Most Wives of the British they had no time to train security was seriously also by sea, either by boat quarters are scattered round of more types. The growth in population through without the danger, catching immigrants that more troops in case internal threatened.

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There were also opera-according to official sources. security tasks, or for the month-long jungle, warfare exercises which each battalion undergoes every year in Brunei or Fiji.

> border. Another is that the Chinese authorities are cooperating more closely than before and are preventing many would be immigrants from reaching the frontier.

however was the rule, under which who escaped the garrison's net were allowed to stay in the colony. The to have an official identification card to find work has meant that illegal entry is no longer worth the the last week before the colony, not one, but the touch base" era ended, planned expansion in the but the number dropped to size and scope of the ser-28 or so overnight.

The burden on the gar-trison should grow lighter as troops should have more a result of the latest DCA time in which to practise which was signed last Octo- their internal security skills, ber. The need to revise the familiarizing themselves agreement arose from the with the teeming enclaves effect of rising costs. The of Kowloon, or learning how new one, while not altering to land from helicopters on the proportion of costs paid the tops of Hongkong's by Britain and the Hong tower blocks in the hunt for kong Government, has in potential terrorists. will pay more through an improvement in the account-

But Britain in turn agreed to return the second bat-maion, which had earlier been withdrawn, on a per-manent basis. Illegal in-manent basis. Illegal inmigration was not directly the underlying reason,

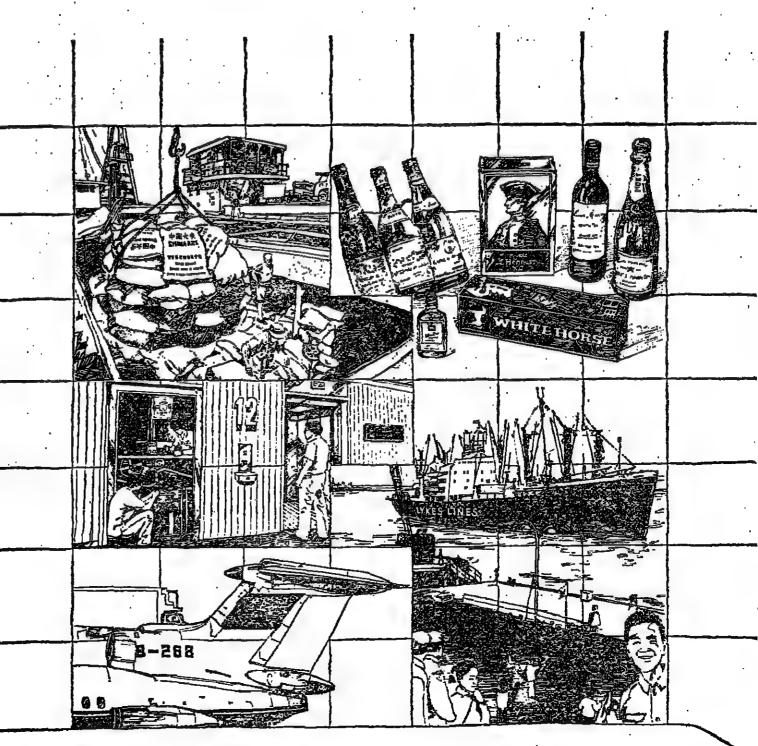
The extra battalion will not be formed until next year. Accommodation has to be found before it can arrive. Initially it will be a The problem has eased fourth Gurkha battalion, but for several reasons, and is the long-term intention is to likely to become still more draft a British battalion to manageable in future. One the colony, partly to increase reason is that a new high the opportunity for British fence has been built on the soldiers to serve there, and draft a British battalion to the colony, partly to increase partly to allow Gurkhes chance to serve somewhere

The 1,000-strong Hong kong Military Service Corps comprising locally enlisted Hongkong recruits who serve as drivers, mechanics recent ending of the "touch or interpreters, is also to be expanded, probably by per cent. It is hoped that this will enable the corps to take on more active duties.

Sources point out that o numbers alone one could effort and the risk. Nearly make out a case for sending 500 a day were caught in two extra battalions to the vice corps should obviate

> They should also have more time in which to enjoy life in the colony. Single and married British servicemen are still waiting for the

> > Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent



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Rates: picking up the bill for rough justice

next year range so far from a reduction of 9.8 per cent by Eastbourne to an increase of Eastbourne to an increase of 150 per cent by Bassetlaw. Ratepayers will be neither as well off nor as badly off respectively when the county precepts are added to these eccentric changes, but they indicate a range which cannot simply be ascribed to "good housekeeping" on the one hand and "wilful profligacy" on the other.

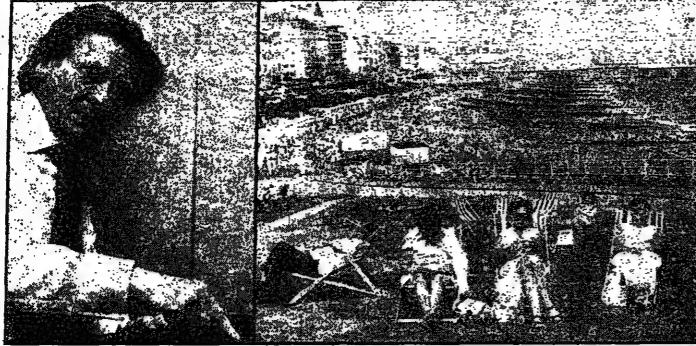
There are a few councils, Labour composited and with Lambeth in the van as always, which are refusing to make the spending reductions called for by the Government, but that does not explain why loyal Conservative councils such as Wandsworth and Kensington and Chelsea are putting up their rates by 30-50 per cent. way above the inflation rate and the topes of Mr Michael Hesel-

Local government finance is in a mess, and when that happens, as it did in 1974-75 with reorganization, and now with changes in the rate support grant system, rates become the scapesoat because they are so easily identified.

The rating system itself has two main drawbacks. It takes no account of ability to pay, except for allowing rate rebates, and it fails to tax a large number of earners who are not ratepayers.

The Conservative party are pledged to the abolition of domestic rates, but are still trying to find an alternative which will enable them to do so. Now the Labour party has finally, joined them. Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow environment minister, told the party's focal

on Saturday, the Conservatives hold their local government conference, with a full hand of Government ministers to rally the councillors to an indication of the cost of prevent too big a drop, but has



Mr Heseltine and sunny Eastbourne, where the rates are actually going down.

Heseltine, Secretaty of State for the Environment, and Mr Tom King, Minister for local government, will doubtless defend the new block grant system and compare Conserva-tive "goodies" with Labour

There are, however, a large number of Conservative as well as Labour councils which have failed to comply with the Government's targets. Local authorities have been set different government conference last dargets—a reduction of three month that the rating system was an "irrational, ineffective and highly-resented form of tax."

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service.

Latest figures show that most county councils have set budgets substantially above their GREAs and have their GREAs and nave exceeded the target for a 5.6 per cent reduction. Overall, it is estimated by the Society of Treasurers that the County Treasurers that the excess could be £400-500m.

A shift in resources from politan areas to the shire counties has helped them to keep their rate increases down to an average just in double figures. with Humberside managing a reduction and Wittshire a nil

greater feats of loyalty. Mr providing a typical standard of set it so close to the ground-Heseltine, Secretary of State service. Looking at the Government

guidelines, the Chartered Insti-tute of Public Finance and Accountancy—which represents treasurers in local authorities and the public sector—estimated that rate increase on average could be very small, or even nil, if all those guidelines were followed

The difficulty is in complying with the guidelines, which include the 5.6 per cent spending reduction and allowances of 6 per cent for pay increases and 11 per cent for price infla-tion. A likely overspending in the year ending March 31, 1981, and the wichholding of grant as a penalty, makes the 5.6 per cent reduction target

manual workers and now the pay target.

Councils traditionally over-budger and allow for higher inflation than the guidelines, and both of these factors, whether needed or not, will raise the rates. A further diffi-

All the pay increases so far agreed, including the firewes,

culty comes with the new dis-tribution system, which has no effect on the overall size of the grant, but gives some coun-cils more, taking from others. In practice, those authorities saining grant will not use all it to reduce their rates, using some to preserve services and to swell the reserves. Taking all these into account, CIPFA has estimated

crease by 20 per cent. The one area which Mr Heseltine believes should yield the necessary savings is in manpower, which represents 70 per cent of local government costs. It is one which local authorities have so far resisted. Since the Government came to power, staff in England dropped by 1.7 per cent, 32,578, which scarcely dents the 2m total. There are signs that staff are being shed at a faster pace now, with an estimated 5,000 jobs lost each week. Wandsworth's efforts to reduce their staff by 700 (10 per cent) were immediately halted by union opposition. While the Lambents refuse to cut their services and prepare to face the penalty at their ratepayers' expense, other councils are reducing their services.

their services.

Essex county council have increased their rate precept by 10.8 per cent, and their budget is almost exactly in line with the Government's GREA target. They have not succeeded in achieving the 5.6 per cent

The reductions to be made in services go across all the services and are mostly small. They range from reductions in school catering, and a decision to clean school windows only once a year to a reduction in the surfacing of roads and single manning on mobile libraries.

The one example of Essex shows that services are gradually and perceptibly being reduced, while charges in-

Mr Heseltine admited that the first year of the new grant system would inevitably tain an element of rough jus-tice. That is all too apparent, and the wide disparity in rate increases is less an indication of the different spending decisions of local authorities than the result of Government grant

> Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

economic challenge with the gigantic task of industrializing

The problem is that Mr Brezhnev's document accurately pinpoints the difficulties but in promising more of the same policies does not suggest ways.

of achieving change or rekind-ling motivation. And the cynics,

a growing segment of the population, while applauding the words of the report, are sceptical that deeds will follow. The same has been promised too often before. Can the same

Congress

the country in the 1930s.

Bernard Levin

Who wants to live for ever?

common Appellations
Things, and the Names
Persons, even of those wi Considering that the only thing we know with complete certainty about ourselves from the day we are born is that we are going to die and that there is nothing we can do about it, it has always struck me as curious that we spend extraordinarily large amounts of time and energy trying to persuade our-Persons, even of those whare their nearest Friends at are their nearest Friends at Relations. For the san Reason they can never amu themselves with reading, because their Memory will a serve to carry them from the Beginning of a sentence the End... the Langua, of the Country being alwayou the Flux, the Struibrugs of one Age do a understand those of another neither are they able after large amounts of time and energy trying to persuade ourselves to the contrary. Whether the search for immortality comes from our fear of what happens in that undiscover documery from whose bourne no traveller returns, or from a life-instinct so strong that it simply cannot accept the finite nature of life, or from the conviction that if we could only put off the inevitable a little longer we would understand understand those of another neither are they able aft two Hundred Years to ho any Conversation . . . witheir Neighbours the Morta . . They are despised a hated by all Sorts of Peopl . . They were the most metifying Sight I ever behek and the Women more herible than the Men. Besid longer we would understand before we die that which we are brought into the world to rible than the Men. Besid the usual Deformities extreme old Age. the acquired an additional Ghaare brought into the world to
understand, I cannot say. (And,
now I come to think of it, I
would be a very remarkable
fellow if I could.) But I have
always been fascinated by the
hunt for the philosopher's
stone of eternal life on earth,
a hunt which is briefly intensified very few years when liness in Proportion to the Number of Years, which not to be described. . . . The Reader will easily believe that from what I had bear a hunt which is briefly intensi-fied every few years when scientists announce that the elixir has been found, in the form of a diet consisting, say, entirely of raw meat, or one excluding even the smallest particle of raw meat, a menu and seen, my keen Appen for Perpetuity of Life wa much abated ... and though no Tyrant could invent Death into which I would a run with Pleasure from sur a Life. based on milk and cheese, or on the strict avoidance of all dairy products, a regimen which in-volves a substantial breakfast

In almost all of the accounts of these who have imagined immortality ... the condition

is depicted as being a great deal worse than death

by a series in the Sunday Mirror, and in particular by the argument of a Mr Nathan Pritikin, who insists that if you follow his diet (as much chicken and turkey as you can carry way, likewise bread and tinned fruit) there is no reason why you should not live to be 120.
More: "When you are 105 you should still be enjoying life and even playing doubles tennis." (Partnered by your grandfather, Now, I have no wish to play

tennis at any age, never mind 105. I shall not, therefore, immediately start to live by Mr Pritikin's precepts (no salt or salad-dressing, incidentally) particularly since in a couple of years some deutero-Pritikin will be telling us that if we only avoid chicken and turkey and swallow, buge quantities of salt and salad-dressing we can be them even more dreadful the playing rugger at the age of 150. But what I want to do is to draw attention to the fact, Is this, perhaps, the way almost as curious as the yearn-ing for long life that has always consumed mankind, that in almost all of the accounts of

tional portrait of it, the condi-tion is depicted as being a great deal worse than death. The most terrible of these demonstrations that God is not mocked is, of course, that of the Struidbruggs in Gulliver's Travels. When Gulliver gets to Luggnegg, he learns that a riny number of men and women, distinguished at birth by a certain mark over the left eyebrow, are immortal, and he goes-into transports of envious joy at the thought of such good fortune, cataloguing the varieties of discovery, creation and wisdom that he would set himself to experience if he were one of

immortality and created a fic-

every day, or a stern injunction to touch no food before lunch.

Do this (or, as it might be,

that), say the promoters of the latest fashion in longevity, and

you will live to be a hundred or more, as has been demon-strated beyond all possibility

of argument by the fact that white mice fed on the fad have

on average lived for nearly a week longer than those given

These thoughts are prompted

more conventional food.

no doubt.)

The Luggnesgians promptly disabuse him, explaining that the prospect of living for ever, so far from pleasing those condemned to it, is a source of

terror to them, and no wonder:
At Ninery they lose their
Teeth and Hair; they have
at that Age no Distinction of
Taste, but eat and drink...
without Relish or Appente. ... In talking they forget the Ronald Butt is ill.

An even more horrible fa befalls a couple who has stumbled upon the clixir in or Aldous Huxley's novels think it is Time Must Have Stop, but they are all more interchangeable); the retain full consciousness, b degenerate into animals.

James Hilton's Shangrieverybody lives for ever, ar nobody even ages; but eve there there is a catch, for an citizen who strays outsic crumbles away at once. As it Shaw's version in Back Methuselah, he clearly intende us to be impressed by th unimaginably lofty existence o his immortals, but that wa theory talking; his unconsciou directed him to portray them i a manner which subtly make

assuage the unbearable pain the realization that we are no immortal, and cannot hope be? In other words, is the co prolonged life as indefinite prolonged misery nothing but fit of sour grapes on a cosm scale? Possibly; but possibl also, it is a recognition that the inevitability of death at aroun three score and ten is not som thing to be shunned or fearebut accepted as part of a greate design in our lives; Stewar Alsop, who died of a rare for of leukaemia, wrote a bool Stay of Execution, while he wa waiting to discover whether was in fact fatal, in which h summed up his feelings by say ing "There comes a time when a dying man has to die, as sleepy man has to sleep". No I do not want to live for ever Methuselah lived nine hundre-

Methuselah lived nine hundre But who calls it living years; When no gal will give in, To no guy that's nine hundred

years? . C) Times Newspapers Limited, 198

Michael Binyon reviews the unchanging attitudes of the Kremlin old guard

Going through the motions in Moscow

have been put over more emphatically than it was on the final day when President Brezhnev rose, with preordained epplause, to announce the re-election of every single mem-her of the ruling Politburo to

his old position.

It is thought to be virtually unprecedented for no political change of any kind to be made during a Party Congress. But no Russian is surprised. Officials explained that this demonstrated the Party's full trust in the leadership and appreciation of their policies. Ordinary people said that the old men at the tent with a present one of the top, with an average age of nearly 70, had no intention of relinquishing power

Not only is there to be no change in the faces, but also none in the party's policies. The message President Brezhnev and his prime minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 75, put over to the 5,000 delegates was a defiant one: whatever the critics may say, the party's ideology is true and correct, whatever the standard and disappointments its economic disappointments, its economic strategy is right. The Party will still lead the people to that undefined utopia, communism, but because of the machinations of its enemies and the world economic situation, this will

take a little longer than promised. The very defiance of the declarations betrays an extreme sensitivity to the critics and carries a note of despairing-determination to believe, whatever the evidence. "Socialism is alive and developing. And it is not that we simply believe, we know beyond a doubt. Our supreme goal will be reached and complunist society will be built.", He Brezhnev declared The Russians have felt their beliefs and way of life increasingly challenged on all fronts, and wanted reassurance. The Party Congress was held to give it, publicly and lavishly. There was no debate or questioning.

No change—the message of the for none was required. During the world outlook so menacing? Ized in Mr Brezhnev's opening on the failures and the future it was the people now who had 26th Party Congress could not the eight days of speeches. The fault, it seemed, lay not report. And indeed beneath all tasks.

to make the effort. And Mr bare been put over more barely a whisper of criticism of with the leaders but with their the ritual and verbiage uttered. Mr Brezhnev touched on Tikhonov compared today's Soriet policy was beard. What was wanted was a "ringing display of unity and solidarity" which could be shown to the world, To that extent the Congress

achieved its aims. All awkward-nesses were avoided: the delegates were carefully selected beforehand, and knew when and how long to applaud. The speakers vied with each other in heaping praise on the Party and its leaders, reeling off lists of achievements accomplished Foreign delegates, tributaries bur not contributors in the words of one Western diplomat, fulfilled the role expected, and reassured Moscow that it was still the capital to which the world communist movement looked for leadership and inspiration. And those parties, like being awkward, were simply not allowed to speak and had to be content with addressing political railies on the fringe of the Congress. Only Mr Gordon McLennan, secretary of the small British Communist Party, and the only speaker from a so-called Eurocommunist Party, mentioned any disagreement over Afghanistan—and then

only passingly.
The atmosphere was as ritualistic as the aim. There was no improvisation, no inter-ruption, no touch of levity. Virruption, no fouch of levity. Vir-tually the only joke was made by Professor Anatoly Alex-androv, the President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, who referred to the light-hearted call by Mr Brezhnev at the previous Congress for a bomb to be invented against in-fluenza. Professor Alexandrov. in his eighties, reported success : he had not been ill for five

But if the Party line was correct and was to remain unchanged, there had to be some explanations: why was the Soviet economy in trouble, why was Poland in crisis, why was Mr Brezhnev: still on the way to that undefined Utopia.

underlings: officials who had not followed the Party's precepts or listened to the people's needs, factory managers who had allowed the forces of inertia to take control, shrugged off responsibility and illegally scaled down the targets set for them by the state, trade union officials who had neglected their members' interests, propagandists who had failed to explain the Portrol size and explain the Party's aims and had slienated youth with the tedium of state ideological

All these were roundly critic-

merely for the record, that re-port and Mr Tikhonov's economic addendum was the one serious document that is of genuine importance to the country, and to foreign statesmen, and which was eagerly awaited and discussed by the bulk of the Soviet population.

On the whole the report has been well received by the average Russian because of its frankness. It made the ritual

ulmost all the main issues troubling the Soviet people: the lack of food and consumer goods, the appalling health service, alcoholism, the breakdown in family life, the lack of values in modern youth, the black market poor conditions and

nationalism, law and order, the flight from the countryside and He promised improvements, but only if people worked for of the past five years and prom-ises of greater well-being in the next five. But it concentrated enough to accept criticism, but

lack of motivation in factories,

faces, they wonder, do now what they have failed to do for the past five years? Are they really in touch with the mood and lives of ordinary people. Mr Brezhnev's report also signalled no basic change in the world. The Congress naturally praised the Soviet Union's peace-loving policy, heaping angry blame on the West for the present international crises. But this was part of the ritual. Any serious discussion of the proposals put forward on disarmament, East-West. relations, a possible place in private, far away from Summit meeting, can only take a feast of ideological rhetoric. The average Russian has been

inundated with reports and commentaries on the Congress. e will hear plenty more about it in the next few years as he is urged to fulfil its unani mously adopted resolutions. He never expected any radical changes. "Whoever is in charge, things will be the same" one man commented fatalistically. And at a time when he is in creasingly worried about the worsaning international sigu-ation, the Party has attempted to reassure him that the ship of state will sail on, though into rougher waters, without deviat-ing, with the same crew and the same captain. No one expected

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Fulham versus Palace

Fulham Palace, until a few years ago the official residence of the Bishop of London, is the subject of a heated dispute between local residents and Hammersmith and Fulham Council. The heat has been engendered by the council's decision to apply to itself for permission to convert the lustoric building into offices instead of a museum and community centre. The land on which the palace

stands has been part of the Eishop's estate almost since the dewn of Christianity in Britain. Parts of the building date from the early sixteenth century, and most of it is listed Grade 1 as of outstanding architectural and historic interest.

When the Bishop decided to move house, the council was thought to have staged something of a coup by arranging to lease the palace from the Church Commissioners for a mere £14.000 a year. It was to be used for the benefit of the people of the borough, which implied a musture of education and recreation. Commercial uses were expressly forbidden.

The admirable intention at the time was to turn the build-ing into a "living" museum, where the public could watch craftsmen at work, and where adults and children would be uble to attend courses. The Great Hall would be available for plays and concerts, and local societies would be able to

So far about £150,000 is understood to have been spent derstood to have been spent on restoration, part of it in the form of grants from the Historic Buildings Council. But pressures on public expenditure have led the council to conclude that it cannot complete the project, and to seek instead a wealthy tenant who will convert the building into "prestige" offices, or perhaps an embassy.

A council official vesterday

use the various rooms for

A council official yesterday described the new turn of events as "very sad". Residents' groups are using rather stronger language, accusing the council of bad faith and of failing to hold any kind of public discussions.

However the office scheme faces two considerable obstacles. One is that any proposal to change the use of a Grade 1 huilding, without precise details of what is proposed, will meet powerful opposition from the conserva-

tionist tobby. The other is that the Church Commissioners will flatly refuse to alter the terms of the lesse.

Good clean fungi

For some reason the organizers of food trade exhibitions always assume that the press is inter-ested only in the exotic and bizarre. Staff at the Inter-national Food and Drink Exhibition in London this week are true to type.

They offered our man Canadian whalemeat and Dutch cheese with nettles, but he scored heavily over them by discovering M. Gerard Borde. His family owns one of the largest toadstool companies in Europe, and he arrived at the exhibition in search of a British distributo.

He can supply dried chanterelles, which are yellow and smell of apricots: tinned ceps, which can be sliced and fried, and bottled black morels for

"The peasants go into the woods to pick them", M. Borda explained from behind a jar of

are usually regarded as poison-ous oddities which are good for kicking but little else. In France and other Continental countries they are gathered for food even though some edible toadstools are easily confused with the most deadly,

M. Borde's prices indicate that he considers his crop to be in a different class from the cultivated mushroom of the English supermarket, a line which sells for between £1 and £1.50 a pound. M. Borde charges 40p for about an ounce of his cheapest dried toadstool, and almost £2 an ounce for the degrees.

I expect a quiet day's racing at Glorious Goodwood on Wednes-day, July 29. The sort of people who go there midweek will all be up in London at a wedding. But at least the Test match starting at Edghaston on July 30 should remain unaffected.

Only just

Mr Justice Warner, taking his seat on the Chancery bench this week on his translation to High Court judge from being Advocate-General at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, began his first day on a suitably international note.



If you were a real subver-

Responding to speeches of welcome from the Bar the new judge, who was farmerly Mr Jean-Pierre Warner, quoted the French judgial maxim: "Pour itre juga it no spilic age in the property of the être juse il ne suffit pas être bête, il faut également être digne", which for those less

learned than himself could be rendered as: "To be a judge, it is not sufficient to be a fool; one must also be worthy. Then he came a little nearer home, although still in a foreign jurisdiction. He quoted a Scottish judge who, endeavouring to show his reasonableness, said: "I shall try to adopt a middle course between justice

a middle course between justice and injustice." I am assured that Mr Justice Warner will henceforth be conducting his cases in English, and under English law.

Winning cru

Wine tasting is not a great spectator sport, the invitation to the 28th annual contest between Cambridge and Oxford universities warned. This could be because it is performed in conditions of utmost secrecy, in closed cellars underground. While the contestants peered, sipped, gargled and spat their way through 12 anonymous bottles below stairs, would-be commentators from the press upstairs were reduced to defying each other to tell red wine from Coca-Cola, or white from Lucozade. Lucozade. When the last palate had

been cleared, it emerged that Oxford, who had trained with two fairly expensive tastings a week for the past four weeks, had run out triumphant again.

Defied to name not only the grape, country of origin and vintage of each wine, but also the very village it came from their top scorer, Roger Brock of Worcester College, amassed 131 points out of a possible 180. Should he wish the young man will have no difficulty quali-fying as Wine Bore of the Year.

Band call

Now that we are promised legal citizen's band radio in the aurumn, it would be as well to become acquainted with the arcane private language in which the estimated 300,000 exwhich the estimated business talk to isting pirate operators talk to each other across the ether.

CR-speak originated in the CB-speak originated in the United States, where it is widely used by truck drivers to warn their comrades of speed traps and other manifestations of the Highway Parol. The language is a kind of Esperanto of the road intended to be incomprehensible to eavesdroppers. British users will no doubt invent their own mysterious terms in order to stay one step ahead of the game. Here is a basic language

course; practise the words in front of a mirror until you are fluent

Breaker—a citizen's band user; sitting duck—a CB broad-caster who operates from home rather than in a vehicle; buzby

-a Home Office official on the prowl for unlicensed transmitters; good buddyten-ten-goodbye; pository-yes; negatory-no; twenty-your location, as in "what is your location, as in "what is
your rough twenty?"; ten-nine
"would you repeat that?";
ten-onc—"I can't hear you very
well"; wall-to-wall—"I hear
you perfectly".
Mobile broadcasters will re-

quire a traffic vocabulary: super-slab—a motorway; smokey—a policeman; shotgun -a front seat passenger; fur-lined seatcover-a female shot-gun; tail gunner-a rear seat passenger ; roller-skate-a Mini-Metro or other small car; big wheels—a truck; eyeball—two CB-speakers meeting in the Copy? Pository? Good, then

I can move my twenty across the Gray's Inn blacktop, dodg-ing the roller skates and big wheels, for a few brown bottles. Ten ion all breakers.

A reader flying by a well-known American autime re-cently found the customary paper bag in his seat pocket, with on one side the legend "For motion discomfort" and on the other, "Save on color film developing—mai! your film in this handy bag".

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COST OF RIGIDITY

It has taken far too long for the the Continent have been far Government to pay proper attention to complaints from industry that, in comparison with its overseas competitors, it was being charged unfairly for its energy supplies. There have been many points of confusion, A rising pound has badly distorted the size of relative price changes and industry has, perhaps understandably, tended to overstate its case. The report of the task force set up on an initiative of the National Economic Development Council now confirms that most industrial customers did not suffer a disadvantage from the pricing of their supplies of gas and electricity against their European competitors. For bulk users, accounting by volume for some 50 per cent of industrial electricity consumption and 15 per cent of industrial gas use, position was sharply different.

The task force makes no thorough attempt to differentiate pound and other factors, but makes it quite clear that the strength of sterling is not the only way in which Eritish industry has appeared, on the figures it has produced, to be put at a competitive disadvantage. Some of these are a result of genuine cost advantages in the countries concerned, such as the success of the nuclear and hydro power programmes in France. Others reflect different markcting policies, such as the large discounts awarded to large users of electricity in Germany, Subsigreater than those received by the industry in the United Kingdom, and the tax on heavy fuel oil here, at 58 a tonne, remains fallen back to the same level as among the highest in Europe.

Whotever the details of each individual case, industry may be forgiven for feeling aggrieved when the richness of Britain's oil and gas resources has helped damage its international competitiveness through the strength of sterling while competitors overseas receive cheaper energy supplies. The Government has become a victim of its own overrigid policies of insisting that electricity production covers its cost and gas is priced in relation to its alternatives. By always allowing pricing aimed at energy conservation and a reduction of the public sector borrowing requirement to dominate its thinking, it has put industry at a disadvantage in a way which a more flexible attitude could

well have avoided. Having now conceded that industry has a case, the Govern-ment's first act has been to criticize its EEC pariners for charging uneconomically low prices. A report being prepared by the Commission should show the truth of the accusation and help lead towards greater harmonization of energy pricing. In the meantime the Government has the delicate task of sticking by its broad pricing principles while reducing the burden on industry. And if bulk energy users are to be helped, someone else, whether other energy users or the taxdies given to coal producers on payer, is going to be worse off.

Heavy fuel oil tax should be cut at least to the average level throughout Europe. The cost of heavy fuel oil in Britain has now on the Continent despite the duty, but if French industry can take advantage of the cost advantages of nuclear and hydro power, it is only fair that British industry should gain benefits from the oil companies' apparent ability to sell cheaper fuel oil here. The motorist, perhaps, should provide the lost revenue by an increase in the duty on

The problems of the coal industry are being sorted out between the mineworkers, the National Coal Board and the Department of Energy and those plans should include a way of cutting the cost disadvantage to foundries resulting from subsidies to European producers, The most important changes, however, must be to the bulk sale of electricity, and, to a lesser extent, gas. It is contrary to all ideas of conservation to increase the discounts for greater use, but industry is not, in the short term, in a position to cut greatly its consumption over and above the falls that have already taken place. The electricity and gas authorities should, therefore, be encouraged to give larger discounts, partly by spreading the cost among other customers, and partly by an easing of their cash limits. At the same time, incentives to carry out energy saving schemes should be increased. The Budget, next week, provides the ideal opportunity to put right what should have been put right some time ago.

PARLIAMENT AND THE PUBLIC PURSE

A year ago the Government published a Green Paper on the Comptroller and Auditor General in which it confirmed his interpretation of his role. In other words, it said that he was right or indeed better results for the to extend his work beyond a same money". The report goes narrow financial audit so as to examine the effectiveness of particular programmes. But it insisted that it would be unwise for him to go beyond that to consider the merits of the policies themselves. But now the Public Accounts Committee, who are served by the Auditor General. have produced much more radical proposals. The Committee would like his activities, and those of the Exchequer and Audit Department for which he is responsible, to be extended in two ways: to examine the merits of the themselves as means of achieving their objectives and to cover all bodies in receipt of public money. A new national audit office would he established, incorporating both the Exchequer and Audit Department and the District Audit Service which deals with local

These ideas need to be considered senarately. There is unquestionably a need for someone to be reporting to Parliament, or more precisely to parliamentary committees, on the merits of particular policies in relation to

objectives. As things stand, "the form of public expenditure is often not sufficiently tested to see whether the same results could be obtained for less money on to say that "in many cases it is not possible to assess accurately in advance what a change in policy is actually going to cost, nor the difference in cost of doing the same thing one way rather than another, nor, even after the event, what a particular change has cost."

Without such knowledge it is impossible for Parliament to exercise any effective scrutiny over public expenditure. Indeed, one of the principal weaknesses of British parliamentary practice ture is authorized virtually on the nod. A Select Committee on Procedure is considering how this defect can be remedied. The best procedure would be for the new departmental select committees to be made responsible for scrutinizing the details of Con-solidated Fund Bills at committee stage. The question would then be how to equip these committees with adequate advice. There could be a strengthening of the present arrangements, whereby each select committee chooses its own specialist consultants. Or

there could be a new audit office which would do the job for all of them. In that case it ought to serve the select committees directly, not have its tasks apportioned by the Public Accounts Committee, as this report suggests. One of the weaknesses of the report is that it does not relate its proposals sufficiently to the departmental select committees. To expand the PAC by giving it subcommittees, at which the report hints, would be an absurd duplication of effort.

The report strays on to more contentious ground with its other proposal : that bodies other than government departments which receive public money should also have their expendiized. In principle there is a logical case for this: But the scrutiny ought to be of a very different kind if the commercial initiative of nationalized industries is not to be even more inhibited and the freedom of action of local authorities still more circumscribed. The creation of a public service or local government inspectorate has been proposed by The Times on a number of occasions. It might be wiser to develop that idea rather than to give a national audit office such very different functions.

THE 'DESAPARECIDOS' OF ARGENTINA

The arrest in Buenos Aires of several leading campaigners for human rights is disturbing. Later this month General Roberto Viola is due to take over from General Jorge Rafael Videla While some might argue that one general is much like anothernot least in Latin America-General Viola is widely expected to try and project a more positive image. Five years of military rule have brought an atmosphere of repression and fear, and mysterious disappearances. While General Viola, like General Videla, will have less power than the military commanders who make up the ruling junta, he will wield considerable influence as Head of State, and has made it clear that he intends to adopt a less aggressive attitude towards political opponents.

The latest crackdown by the Argentine police will not make it easier for the new President to influence his colleagues in a more liberal direction, and indeed could be intended to undermine any such move. Nine human rights campaigners were arrested during a raid on the Centre for Legal and Social Studies, and six are still being held incomunicado. Of three—José Frederico Westerkamp, Emilio Mignone, and Augusto Comte Macdonellare prominent members of a group of lawyers, scientists and other professional men and

women who have tried to gather evidence on abuse of human rights by the military regime. They are by no stretch of the imagination dangerous radicals, and in more normal circum-stances would be considered pillars of the community. As it is, they have been persecuted. Señor Mignone's daughter was arrested in 1976, and has not been seen since. Señor Westerkamp's son is in prison, and according to Amnesty International has been badly tortured. Señor Comte Macdonell's son has also "disappeared".

When the army took over in 1976 from the fast collapsing government of Maria Estela Perón, it did so on the grounds that Argentina was facing anarchy, and that growing violence had brought the country to the brink of civil war. Five years on, terrorism has indeed been greatly reduced. But this has been achieved by means of remedies at least as oppressive as the disease to which they are applied. There is no apparent prospect of the introduction of democracy, and the return to civilian rule promised by the generals always seems to be beyoud the ever-receding horizon. According to a report produced by the Organisation of American States last year, so many people have simply disappeared without trace in Argentina that the numbers are incalculable, although the OAS puts the figure at between five and twenty thousand.

The authorities disclaim responsibility for these disappearances, and disown the bands of thugs who carry out kidnappings, but human rights organizations— including Amnesty International— lay much of the blame at the door of the regime. Of the thousands of desaparecidos (those who have disappeared) many if not most are thought to be dead.

In clamping down on human rights activists, the military junta presumably hopes to stifle voices of dissent, and to counteract brave attempts to investigate the links between allegedly unofficial crimes and the regime. The authorities were greatly irked last November by the award of the Nobel Prize for Feace to Senor Pérez Esquivel, who is one of the mainstays of moral support for the embattled Argentine human rights lobby. It may be that the junta has been emboldened by suggestions in Washington that under President Reagan the question of human rights is to be given a low priority, and that American friendship with Latin American countries such as Argentina will be strengthened without too many questions being asked. In case this is indeed a calculation in the minds of the Argentine generals, the Reagan Administration should move quickly to disabuse them of the notion that United States regards the terrorism by the state as legitimate.

Social Democrat policies

From Mr W. W. Brewin Sir, Social Democrat MPs claim there is no case for resubmitting themselves to the electorate on leaving the Labour Party as they condive to support the manifesto on which they were elected. (Their justification not mine.) They claim that it is the Labour Party which

itself has deviated. In supporting a manifesto defeated at the last election and pledged to continue the divisive policy of coufrontation imposed over the past

few years, which is largely responsible for the present state of our country, how can they claim to represent a new mood sweeping the

The new mood is one of abhorrence of party politics to excess. A wish to recapture something of the national unity Britain has shown at times of crisis. To claim that the last election manifesto of the Labour Party is a recipe for this is ludicrous. A Labour Party of the 1960/70s under the title Soc-Dem is certainly not what the country

Do the "gang of twelve" support the Labour Party election manifesto divisive as it is-as they claim-or do they truly represent something different, something unique, a potential party reflecting the new national mood—as they claim?

Whichever policy they favour there is no denying they continue the old political tradition of "double-speak". Yours faithfully. W. W. BREWIN: 1a Deneholm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

priorities

From Mr Peter Lloyd MP for Farcham (Conservative)

Sir. Mr Peter Hordern, MP, is right to wonder (February 27) where our colleagues who wrote to you (February 25) urging a new industrial strategy think they are going to get the money—assuming they place any importance at all on that side of the equation.

However their demand for lower interest rates plus additional gov-erament-funded investment, abolition of the National Insurance surcharge and extended job release. added to the increased subsidies just committed to British Steel, British Leyland and the National Coal Board, would certainly achieve one of their objectives—the rapid depreciation of sterling as foreigners lost confidence in the Government's determination to keep the economy in balance. This would no doubt being relief to exporters in the short run but at the cost of revising inflationary pressures from which everyone, including the most familial exporters. would lose in the end.
Peter Hordern rightly stresses

that interest rates should only be reduced if accompanied by a re-duction in borrowing and draws attention to the scope for saving illustrated by the fact that the NHS staff has increased by 25,000 since the election. But such economies are simply not going to materialize in time to pay for the extra spending already committed, let alone the further outlays suggested.

Yet if interest rates are to come down now, as it is imperative they should-and, even more important, stay down when recovery begins and the private sector is seeking additional finance for stock re-building and investment—the Chancellor must revert to his original plans for the progressive reduction in public borrowing.

An increase in direct taxation is

the only immediate and sufficient source of the extra revenue required. Moreover, as the deficit is swollen by the effects of recession and unemployment, it is appro-priate that those in work, who have on average maintained their real spending power, should meet the bill directly through higher em-ployee National Insurance contri-butions—or, fairer still, an increase

in the standard rate of income tax. The political difficulties of adopting such a course mid-term are very obvious but they will be much less than approaching the next general election with both inflation and, most probably, interest rates on an upward trend again. Yours faithfully, PETER LLOYD.

House of Commons. March 3.

Royal employment From Lord Graham

Sir, Through the present congratula-tions for Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer an occasional clue of what one must suppose is current wisdom keeps popping up. Prince ries ought to have a "proper

fob.

This attitude to the monarchy bears a similarity to one of our modern superstitions that landowners stride about their acres while the trees burgeon, the grass grows and every spring the countryside returns itself to its neat storybook appearance without anyone actually doing any-

. In an exhibition of neat footwork. In an exhibition of near footwork, your correspondent of February 25 first shows verbal support for the monarchy as a "supernatural element in the nation" and then seems to infer that most of what Prince Charles does could be passed off on to retired Major-Generals. If the inclinitial is a few passed of the contraction is characteristics. institution is so important, is there not a place for a young mind to be brought to bear on its traditions and to find new areas in which it can be made effective?

By all means suggest that the Prince should gain experience in him to do two jobs. Perhaps this is appropriate in our hard-pressed times; but to use your example, while it might be "unkind and un-natural punishment" if he were put to it, it would almost amount to "moonlighting" in British Leyland or wherever else. Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM, Drymen,

Hostels for homeless

From the Director of Church Army Housing and the Manager of the Salvation Army Housing Association

Sir, The "dispute" between The Church Army, Salvation Army and the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless (Report, February 27) is not over the £12 million the Government has allocated for hostels of all

At their recent press conference during the Church of England's General Synod, the Church Army and Salvation Army were talking of the particular crisis facing many of their worn-our hostels for homeless people, and were saying that they needed £20 million very quicklyquite separate from any share of the £12 million already allocated— if another 2,500 homeless men and women were not to be put on the

Neither of the two organizations want to perpetuate "large institu-tional hostels" in the pejorative sense. But the number of single homeless people with nowhere else to go is so enormous that, in spite of all our endeavours to produce a wide range of more permanent accommodation (which both socie-ties and their associated housing associations do produce) the large hostels will remain a necessary part of the available provision for some years to come. The important thing that they are run well with ever effort to sustain the dignity and self-respect of their residents. Yours faithfully, PETER NAISH, Director,

Church Army Housing, EDWARD ALSOP, Manager, Salvation Army Housing as from: 112a Shirland Road, W9. February 27.

Debate on economic Can Westminster decide for Canada?

From Lord Alport

Sic, Anyone who has the interests of Anglo-Canadian relations at heart and a proper appreciation of contemporary constitutional reality within the Commonwealth must be deeply concerned at the implica-tions for the Westminster Parliament of the present controversy over the "patriation" of the Canadian Constitution.

The so-called "request and con-sent" convention of the Statute of Westminster was intended to pre-vent the British Parliament from passing legislation which purported to take effect in and override the powers of the sovereign Parliament of any independent Commonwealth country. It was significantly in-cluded in the preamble which has no legislatively binding effect. It did not, and could not, deprive the British Parliament of the right to divest itself of a residual power which the passage of time and the constitutional evolution of the Com-monwealth had rendered demon-

strably out of date.

Canada has been a major influence in the process of decolonization by the United Kingdom. It is intolerable that fifty years after the Statute of Westminster was passed and more than a century after Canada, which has been a major partner in victories of two world wars and possesses immense economic strength and political experience, became a self-governing country, the United Kingdom Parliament should become involved in arbitrating on issues which concern only the domestic relationships within the Canadian Federation, It is certainly not for us to judge whether a Bill of Rights is adequate

or what should be the division of powers between the Government in Orrawa and those of the Provinces.

In 1936 Mr Mackenzie King called a meeting of Prime Ministers to work out methods whereby Canada might alter her Constitution without might after her Constitution without reference to the United Kingdom. In 1937 Mr Bennett's "new deal" legislation was declared ultra vires

by the courts because it conflicted with the provisions of section 7 of the Statute of Westminster, although extension of the powers of the Federal Government appeared to many here and in Canada both desirable and inevitable. It is astounding that more than forty years have elapsed before this issue

became alive again. There is now a danger that the Eritish Parliament will be sucked into a major Canadian constitutional controversy, with bitter party and provincial undertones, which is en-tirely domestic to Canada and which, by no stretch of the imagination, is it obliged or entitled to

I can understand, though not agree with, the views of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, required to comment on a matter which excites its members' interest and, from their point of view, has the advantage of being of a somewhat remote and academic character. But it is not the ioh of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom or of the British House of Lords to decide an issue which is essentially a matter for decision the Parliament and people of

Rer Majesty's Government in London should non advise her Majesty's Government in Ottawa that it intends n repeal the last evidence of Canada', colonial status—section 7 of the Statute of Westminster—before the end of this session of Parlia-

If by that time the present constitutional controversy has been resolved in Canada, so much the better-If not, it will be for the Canadian Parliament, designed in 1867 to re-produce on the other side of the Atlantic exactly the character and processes of the Parliament at Westminster, to take whatever decision the Canadian nation may in its wiscom decide. Yours sincerely,

ALPORT. House of Lords. March 2.

Civil servants' demands From Mr Nicholas Cooper and

Sir. We write as civil servants who are extremely uneasy both about taking industrial action and about the impression that has gained currency: that we are taking such action in protest against an inade-quate pay offer. We recognize that in other areas pay settlements have not been high, that unemployment is rising, that no employer's pocket bottomless and that civil servants

have obligations beyond those to their masters. It is in part the fault of the Civil Service unions that such impressions are current. As members of the Institute of Professional Civil Servants we were asked to support a Servants we were asked to support a composite motion that censured the suppression of the Pay Research Unit's finding and the unilateral suspension of its proceedings, supported a 15 per cent pay claim and authorized the executive of the union to participate, if necessary, in a campaign of industrial action.

Few civil servants that we have spoken with would be willing to strike for a 15 per cent pay claim on its own. If this motion gained wide support from members, it is

because the Government leaves us no choice. It has gone back on its commitment to salary determination by Pay Research. Professor Sir Max Beloff (letter, March 2) accuses us of "threatening... the foundations of an ordered and civilized com-munity" and of "violating the code of conduct that has governed the Civil Service. Professor Beloff apparently requires a higher standard of responsibility from employees than from their masters. the procedures agreed to by both sides show civil servants to be owed more than the Government can afford to pay, the Government should (like any other good employer) take the staff into its confidence and explain fully why PRU recommendations cannot be implemented. We should then have a basis for negotiation both on present pay and on future pro-

cedures. Thirteen other close colleagues read this letter and are willing to endorse its views. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS COOPER, GLENYS POPPER, 130 Kenilworth Court Lower Richmond Road, SW15.

Swoop on the provinces? From the Managing Director of Associated Newspapers

Associated Newspapers

Sir, Your correspondent, Lady Elton (letters, March 3), must have auditory senses of a very unusual kind if, from the rural charms of Clevedon Court, Somerset, she can hear "the sound of battle in Fleet Street" concerning the proposals by Associated Newspapers to take full ownership of the Bristol Evening Poet and the Western Daily ing Post and the Western Daily

What on earth have these pro-posals to do with Fleet Street? Certainly this Group has a national daily newspaper, the Daily Mail, and hopes to have an equally suc-cessful national Sunday in due course. Our regional newspapers bave always been separate from the nationals and not least among the actioness and not least among the actievements of this policy has been the preservation of local in-dependence. Some local news-papers might not otherwise now exist. One would have hoped that Lady Elton would have been awere of this, since in 1977 she was a party to the sale of the Clevedon Mercury to the Bristol Evening

Post, in which we had at that time a "controlling" interest.

To correct a further inaccuracy, the papers at Plymouth, Chelten-ham, Gloucester, Torquay and Exeter which she refers to were either owned by the Associated Newspapers Group or by the Harmsworth family long before the

1949 Royal Commission and have not, therefore, since "fallen" to the Associated Newspapers Group. The keystone of our policy as publishers of successful regional newspapers is that local managements have no interests to serve other than those of their readers communities. because we recognize that to be a newspaper's

recognize that to be a newspaper's first and only proper task. It happens also to be good for the staff to work in such an environment of stability and security.

Perhaps Lady Elton would care to confirm the truth of all this by telking to her colleague. Mr Andrew Breach, Chairman of the Bristol Evening Post.

Yours faithfully, R. M. SHIELDS,

Associated Newspapers Group Limited, Carmelite House, EC4.

Historic buildings From Mr Tom Greeves

Sir, Can anyone blame the Chinese for demolishing their embassy build-ings in Portland Place, when they have only to look at this once noble street and reflect on the damage done at the hands of successive generations of British architects and their clients, including the RIBA? As a schoolboy in the early thirties, intent on an architectural career, but with a love of London at a time when large chunks of

Georgian London were disappearing every year, I watched with horrified amazement the destruction of yet another bit of Portland Place, to build the institute's new headquarters. Lest it be argued that this was 50 years ago, and that we know better now, I would draw attention to what I understand is the impending demolition by Westminster Council

of 20 listed Georgian houses in Great

Titchfield Street nearby, including the house of the great sculptor and illustrator, John Flaxman. It is surely ironical that, while the minister is adding to the list buildings of more recent date, those at the other end of the time-scale-are being gradually destroyed. Is a listed building only to be allowed to survive at the whim of a private developer, or a local authority?

Yours faithfully, TOM GREEVES, 12 Newton Grove. Bedford Park, W4.

From Mr Bernard Kaukas Sir, As one who is concerned to come to reasonable terms with the problems posed by our great egacy of historic railway buildings, I note with interest the appeal (letter, February 23) by perhaps

the most distinguished person in the world of conservation and restoration. Dr Bernard M. Feilden, Director of the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property

(ICCRCM).
The present annual rate of government support to this body is 528,000 and this has just been withdrawn. Recently we were obliged to spend over £250,000 on refurbishing some small station buildings which are not required by us and are not occupied. Before they had been listed the original estimate for demolishing parts of the buildings and refurbishing the rest was of the order of £30,000. The greatly increased expenditure can be laid entirely at the door of a small local preservation society which was successful in personding the Department of the Environment to list the building. In the case of buildings of significant importance in architectural or historic terms such expenditure can, of course, be properly justified because of the need to pass on our national architectural heritage to future generations. But it is hardly justified in the case of buildings of only marginal interest locally to a few people, when the excessive costs to our hard-pressed business are not matched by national or local contributions. The excess sum just referred to is equal to our national contribution to ICCROM for the next eight years.

Is it reasonable to ask that there should be a national clearing house for our priorities in the field of conservation, and preservation, especially during the present period of deep recession? Yours faithfully,

BERNARD KAUKAS, British Railways Board, 222 Marylebone Road, NW1.

Jordan opposition to the option

From the Ambassador of Jordan Sir. Having read Christopher Walker's five articles regarding the occupied West Bank (especially the one headed "How the Jordanian option might just work "February 23), one cannot help but feel the utmost concern regarding events and "facts" being created in the occu-pied Arab territories. Despite the universal condemnation of the Israeli settlement and colonization policy in the occupied Arab territories, your correspondent reports the feverish, frantic rush by the Israeli government to plant additional settlements.

He has correctly articulated the desire of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories "for a distinct Palestinian state", and concluded rightly that support for the Palestinian Liberation Organization "is unmistakably at every level of the West Bank society".

His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian Government have emphashed on numerous occasions their support of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determina-tion and to the establishment of a Palestinian state on their soil under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, their sole

legitimote representative. Jordan has not only rejected, but exponed the so-called lordanian option for what it really is, ie, a scheme by the Israeli Labour Party to perpetuate and consolidate the

military occupation.
The Palestinian people oo not desire or envisage their state except in Palestiae. The Jordanian peorle cannot and will not replace the Palestinian people. Jordan will not be drawn in any way to assume res-

ponsibilities designed to alter or circumvent the centrality of the Palestinian people Any plan or policy that does not take into consideration these facts will not lead to the attainment of a just and acceptable peace and will have adverse and far-reaching consequences on the stability of the region and the peace of the world. Yours faithfully.

IBRAHIM IZZIDDIN, Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, W8.

Pessimism on defence From Vice-Admiral Sir Peter

Gretton (retd) Sir, May I comment on one aspect current defence policy? I have listened to very senior army officers expressing on relevision, the most defeatist views on operations in Germany ofter an attack from behind the iron curtain. They appear to believe that after two or three days, nuclear weapons will be needed. After that the holocaust

will, I believe, come.

When studying and teaching at various defence academies, I learnt that a successful land offensive must have a superiority of at least four to one. The advantages are all with the defence. BAOR has had 30 years to get to know the ground have now a strong German army on our side. The Germans have shown in World War Two, especially in Italy, that they were unequalled in

Surely our military leaders should show a more robust view of the future to the troops. I wonder if I must confess that my argument not unconnected with recent public claims that a strong Navy is no longer needed because a Euro-pean war would only last a few days and reinforcement and supply from across the Atlantic would not be required. But this admission, I submit, does not invalidate my views. Yours falthfully,

P. W. GRETTON. 29 Northmoor Road, March 2.

West Indies tour questions

From Mr J. M. Stephenson Sir, There is no inconsistency between support of the boycott of the Moscow Olympics and opposi-tion to the recent events in Guyana, and I am happy to come our in the open and say so (Dr Butt, letter, March 3).

Sport becomes inevitably involved with politics when a team purporting to represent a nation visits another; in doing so, it is seen by the politicians of each country to give implied approval to the regime of the other.

of the other.

For this reason, no team representing Great Britain or any of its component nations should visit either South Africa or the Soviet Union. But neither this general principle nor the Gleneagles agreement can extend to individuals who choose to visit either country in pursuance of that other human right -to carn one's living by any lawful means in any country, subject to the laws of that country, and not to be victimised for so doing.

Perhaps the Government of Guyana would do well to consider whether a constitution which proposes friendship with every country except South Africa" does not reflect a racial hatred no less abborrent to men of reason and compassion than apartheid itself,

Yours faithfully, I. M. STEPHENSON, Rose Cottage Flat, Upper House Lane, Shamley Green, Guildford. Surrey. March 3.

Wizards that were

From Mr A. M. Chrisne Sir, I am surprised at the mystery made of the superlative "wizard in Philip Howard's article today (February 23). As a schoolboy aeroplane fancier some 50 years ago I would have been in no doubt about its origin. The Westland Wizard was by far the most glamorous aircraft of its day and iso far as at least one schoolboy was concerned) stole the show at a Hendon RAF display in 1930 or thereabouts.

Yours truly. A. M. CHRISTIE, 48 Thame Road, Warborough, Oxfordshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 4: The Duke of Edinburgh strived at Birmingham New Street Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Ayles-

ford). His Royal Highness, as President of the National Playing Fleids Association, visited the Association's Resource Centre at Ward End Park and opened the Granville Street Development of the Trident Housing Society (Cnairman, Mr K. Brooksbank) in Birmingham.

The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Unako Ltd (Managing Director, Mr M, Holman) at their installation in the Maybrook In-

Visited Unatto Law (management of their installation in the Maybrook Industrial Estate, Brownhills, Walsall and afterwards toured the premises of Leigh Interests Ltd (Chairman, Mrs J. Agar).

This afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Empire Works of Polymeric Treatments Ltd, onened the Sealosafe Oil Recovery Plant, and subsequently toured Barnett and Beddows Brickworks.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Major John Cargin, returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, attended by Major John Winter, arrived at St Germans Station in the Royal Train this morning to visit Ducky property in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 4: The Duke of Gloucester today attended the ICI Wheatrace Conference and presented prizes to the winners, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland

The Duchess of Kent will open the "Retirement Festival" of the Greater London Association for Pre-Retirement at the Piccadilly Hotel, London, on April 23.

A memorial service for Dr Dougtas McAlpine will be held at the Middlesex Hospital at 1.00 pm on Friday, March 27. Another service will be held for Dr and Mrs Douglas McAlpine at Marnhull Parish Church, Dorset, at 3.00 pm on Sunday, March 29.

Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, re-Erets that he was unable to attend the service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Malcolm MacDonald, OM, held on March 3, because of absence abroad.

Mrs Leigh Hatts gave birth to a son in St. Thomas' Hospital yesterday.

Birthdays today Ser David Cairns, 79; the Earl of

Sir David Cairns, 79; the Earl or Crawford and Balcarres, 54; Sir Frank Figeures, 71; Professor C. P. Fibigerald, 79; Mr Rex Harrison, 73; Archbishop Bruno H. Im, 70; Lord Kilmany, 76; Major-General Sir Denzil Macarthor-Ouslow, 77; Sir John Maschall Ca. Mr Barry The beauti Major-Scale, Major-Scale, Arthur-Onsiow, 77; Sir John. Marshall, 69; Mr Barry Tuckwell, Sir Vice-Admiral Sir Peveril

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. J. Blakeborough, RN and Miss H. J. Holden and Miss H. J. Holden
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Major and Mrs J. Blakeborough, of Brentwood. Essex, and Judy, elder daughter of Mr R. G. Holden, of Bedford, and the late Mrs Holden.

Mr S. H. Coghian and Miss M. C. Richards
The engagement is announced between Stuart, younger son of Mrs H. H. Coghian, of Auckland, New Zealand, and the late Mr H. F. Coghian, and Meg, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Richards, of West Kirby, Wirral.

of West Airoy, Wirral.

Mr T. S. R. Eckersley
and Miss B. Chu
The marriage is announced and
will take place in May, between
Timothy, youngest son of the late
T. H. Eckersley and Mrs Penelope
Eckersley, of 72 Westbourne Park
Road, London, and Barbara, elder
daughter of Professor C. K. Chu,
of Chappaqua, New York, and Mrs
Elizabeth Bainbridge, of Glen
Ellyn, Illinois.

Mr G. V. Hillier and Miss S. C. Heells
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr Jonathan Hillier, of Cornwall Gardens, London, SW7, and Mrs Susan Holland, of Toronto. Canada, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Robert Heells, of Willington, Derbyshire, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Boudard.

Mc T. H. G. Lyle
and Miss S. J. Carter
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, elder son of the
late Mr C. W. Lyle and Mrs Lyle,
of Kenilworth Court, Putney, and
Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr
and Mrs H. Carter, of Fairbourne,
Crowhurst, Sussex,

Luncheons

HM Government Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens In honour of the Fiamish Foreign Minister, Mr P. Väyrynen. The Ambassador of Finland was among those present.

HM Government
The Hon Nicholas Ridley, Minister
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at the
Savoy Hotel in honour of members of the Royal Society.

Primrose Lcague

Primrose League
Lord Home of the Hirsel, Grand
Master of the Primrose League,
accompanied by Lady Home, was
the guest speaker at a luncheon
given by the Ealing branch of
the Primrose League at the Carmaryon Hotel, Ealing Common,
yesterday, Mr Ronald Politeyan,
branch ruling councillor, accompanied by Mrs Politeyan, presided.
The other Speakers were Sig-The other speakers were Sir George Young, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Sir Malby Crof-ton, Mr John Dobson and Mr Robin Wheatley.

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yesterday. The guests were: Str
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Raison, MP, and Sir Derek Rayner.

of Mrs A. Colville, formerly of of Rahoy, Argyl!, and Sally-Anne. youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs J. R. D. Sears, of Wickselm, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. A. Munday and Miss C. M. Haudley-Derry.

The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. T. Munday, of 12 Hampton Dene Road, Hereford and Claire Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Handley-Derry, of 50 Hornton Street, W8.

Marriages

Mr J. D. Sells and Mrs S. J. W. Scott

The marriage took place in Cambridge on February 28, 1981, between Mr James Sells, youngest son of Sir David and Lady Sells, and Mrs Susan Scott, daughter of Mr C. R. Driver and Mrs A. F.

Mr J. P. MacHale and Miss M. A. Dunbar-Nasmith The marriage took place on Saturday, February 28, at Holy Trimity Church, Elgin, between Mr Joseph MacHale and Miss Mary Ann Dunbar-Nasmith. Provost Arthur Wheatley officiated, assisted by Father Robert McDonald and the Rey John Pari

Rev John Paul.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Jane and Miss Clare MacHale.

Mr Mark Clarfelt was best man.

Mr C. A. Perty and Miss P. D. E. Finney

and Miss P. D. E. rumey
The marriage took place last Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place,
between Mr Christopher Perry, son
of Mr and Mrs William Perry, of of Mr and Mrs William Perry, or Whitby, Yorkshire, and Miss Patricia Finney, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jarlath Finney, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London. Father Christopher Cunningham officiated.

Mr W. H. A. Colville
and Miss S-A. L. Sears
The engagement is aunounced between William, younger son of the late Captain A. Colville and Hait.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and her sister, Victoria Finney, attended her. Mr Charles Williams was best man. A reception was held at Gray's Inn Hait.

Commonwealth Parliamentary

Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, deputy chairman of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, joint bonorary measurer, were bosts at a luncheon given by the executive committee at the House of Commons yesterday in bonour of the Commonwealth parliamentarians attending the 1931 parliamentary seminar at Westminster. Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, deputy

Dinners

HM Government MM Government
Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for
Trade, was host at a dinner held
last night at Lancaster House in
honour of Mr A. Margaritescu,
Minister State Secretary at the
Romanian Ministry of Foreign
Trade

The chairman of the GLC and Mrs Brook-Partildge emertained the following guests at dinner at the Waterside Restaurant after a concert held at the Festival Hall vesterday: a concert usa. Hall yesterday: Lard and Lady Maclean, the Dean of St Paul's and Mrs Webster. Mrs Clare Rozem and Mr John Putnam.

Society of Apothecaries of London Mr Goy Blackburn. Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, and Dr T. D. Whitter, Junior Warden, entertained the following guests at a yeomany dinner held at Apothecaries' Hall yesterday. Sir Reginald Murley, Dr D. P. Tominey, Professor Sir John Walton, Dr E. Gray-Turner, Professor N. R. Ashton,

LEGAL NOTICES

D. L. MORGAN Liquidator in the Matter of N. D. CLEMENT Limited and In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1948.

COMPANIES ACT 1948.

Notice to the Companies of the Company, which is being volume to the Company, which is being volume. Takilly WUIND UP, and required, on or before the 1st day of April, 1981, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their Buffersses and descriptions, full particulars of their gebts or claims, and the Dames and addresses of their Solicitors (if apy), to the undersigned David Liewellyn Morgan FCA, of R Upper Grosvenor Sireet, London W1X OAL the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by hotice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, in come in and prove their dabies or claims all will thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved Daled this 26th day of February, 1981.

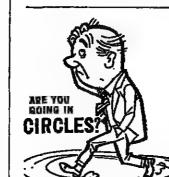
D. L. MORGAN Legislator

GOSSIP Limited. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 225 of the COVIPANIES ACT. 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of Gassip Limited, but and cheef at Co. silvate at 8 Bentinek Street. London, wild 1844, on Thursday the 12th day of March 1981 at 3 o'cinch in the affernoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.

Dated the 24th day of February 1981.

A, CHATALOS

Dated the 24th day of February 1981. A. CHATALOS Director



Recruitment **Opportunities** are featured every Thursday For details ring

Celebrating history of the Thames

By Our Theatre Reporter
The Thames at Windsor will be taken over on four nights this summer by a large-scale theatrical production which aims to portray the history of the river.
Thames Heritage will be presented from July 8 to 11, with seats for 4,000 people on the Broças, an ancient water meadow opposite Windsor Castle. The action will take place on a set at the river's edge, on the river itself, on islands near by and on the opposite bank under the castle walls.

The show will be narrated by

Celta Johnson. Robert Hardy and Bernard Horsfoll, and will include senes representing the ancient Britons in coracles, the successive invasions by Romans, Normans and Vikings, Magna Charta, Henry Vill and Anne Boleyn, Victoria and Albert, and a parade of the little ships from Dunkirk.

More than fifty boats will be involved and between 200 and 300 actors and actresses, mostly businesses, mostly businesses, mostly the Thames Heritage Trust, which was founded in 1979

Oueen to attend

in Melbourne

Nightingales thrive

Royal College of Veterinary

Corobill Club
The Lord President, Lord Soames, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Cornhill Club, at the Connaught Rooms yesterday to celebrate its fifteth anniversary. Mr James S. Chester was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr B. M. P. Thompson-McCausland and Mr P. D. Willison. A presentation was made to Mr Leonard C. Mather, president of the club.

Timber Trade Federation
Mr A. H. A. Dibbs, Deputy Chairman of the National Westminster
Bank, was the principal guest at
the annual dinner of the Timber
Trade Federation held last night
at Grosvenor House. Mr Robin
Howard, president of the federation, was in the chair. Others present included: The Ambassadors
of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland
and Portugal and the High Commissioners for Canada, Ghana and
Malaysia.

Savoy wedding ball

To continue its established tradi-

tion of celebrating royal events, the Savoy hotel will Roid a gala ball on the evening of July 29, 1981, on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. Further details will be published in due course but requests for elebrate.

course but requests for dickets, which will be strictly limited, may be made to the Press Office, the Savoy Hotel, London, WC2. (Tele-

phone 01-836 4343.1

Royal Warrant

Holders Association

Poulters' Company

£250,000 winner

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year: President, Mr David Part: Vice-President, Mr Peter Smith: Hon Treasurer, Mr Edward Rayne.

The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr L. E. Muckett: Upper Warden, Mr C. A. Wiard; Renter Warden, Mr M. G. Sproat.

The winning number in the monthly £250,000 Premium Savings Bond prize draw is 5FL 001087. The winner lives in the London Borough of Harrow.

A trust has been formed by the Northern Sinfonia Orthestra to raise £250,000 to develop its work.

Miss Margaret Lockwood, the actress, received the insignia of the CBE, not the OBE as stated in a picture caption yesterday.

Orchestra trust fund

Timber Trade Federation

Cornhill Club

meeting

to raise funds to promote the pro-tection, conservation and enhancement of the river.

It is particularly concerned to prevent the erosion of river banks and islands, to counter the neglect of towpaths and waterside walk-ways and to take action against the pollution of the waters by out and rubbish.

Amoustic projects is an educa-

and rubbish.

Among its projects is an educational centre at Kingston upon Thames which would provide a library, lecture rooms, space for educational projects and exhibitions and a headquarters for the



Bravery award: Mr Ronald beaten after refusing to let Sargent, a sub-postmaster, of him go. As the two raiders Buscot, Oxfordshire, who was escaped on a motor cycle, Mr

presented yesterday with a Sargent ran into its path to £150 cheque for his bravery try to stop them. The cheque during a raid on his sub-post- was presented by Mr Charles office. Mr Sargent, aged 61, Beauchamp, managing direc-

tackled a gunman and was tor of postal services.

range.
Oriental embroidered textiles were in strong demand, with a brilliant yellow, gauze, 12-symbol dragon robe of the mid-nineteenth century selling at £1,300 (estimate £500-£1,000). An eighteenth-century Kashmir Pashmina woven shawl designed with sprays of flowers took the auctioneers by

flowers took the auctioneers by surprise, making £2,400 (estimate £150.£300); the more familiar

ulasteenth-century ones sold much

in line with estimates; a nice example reached £400 (estimate £200 £400).

Modermity did not deter bidders.

The Victoria and Albert Museum bought two pairs of French 1950s

sunglasses with elaborate orna-mental surrounds at £80 and £120 /estimate £80.£150 each; and a brown felt stetson worn by J.R. in the television series, Dallas, attracted a bid of £190 (estimate £200.£360).

In Glandining's sale of English coins a specimen set of Victorian 1839 coins, the five pounds with the much loved "Una and the Lion" reverse, sold for £24,000 (estimate £16,000) to Duggan, a dealer from Blackburn.

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Two particularly attractive and rure coins ran to prices beyond

entered the collecting arena. Three slides, each one millimetre square,

were offered as one lot; they depicted a page of *The Times* from 1869, the Lord's Prayer and a \$1,000 note. The price for those tiny symbols of God and mammon was £35.

A Burne-Jones 'Pomona' tapestry sold for £9,000 By Geraldine Norman been estimated in the £200-£400

Sale Room Correspondent

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The Victoria and Albert Museum
paid 59,000 (estimate \$10,000£15,000) vesterday for a tapestry
entitled "Pomona" designed by
Burne-Jones and woven by the
Mecton Abbey Tapestry Works in
1899. The artist designed two
tapestries of "Pomona" and
"Flora" as a pair, and they
were first woven in 1891. Five
small versions of the designs were
woven at Merton Abbey from
1896 onwards. This is one of the
smaller ones, measuring 66in by
39in.

The museum said vesterday that the tapestry was of fine quality and in particularly good condition. Its special attraction, however, was

its special size, as space in the primary galleries is short.
Two other Merron Abbey tapest tries for which Sortieby's had high hopes falled to sell. A Burne-Jones "Flora" tapestry (not the companion to the V. A. A. superbook hopes falled to sell. A Burne-Jones
"Flora" tapestry (not the companion to the V & A's purchase)
was unsold at £4,800 lestimate
£8,000-£12,000) and "The Blindfolding of Truth", a vast
tapestry (96in by 108in) designed
by John Byam Shaw in 1909, was
unsold at £15,000 (estimate
£25,000-£45,000).

Despite the failure of those
potential money spinners, the
burgeoning interest in textiles as
a collecting field was yery

a collecting field was very apparent. A group of mid-eighteenth-century ladies' hats was eighteenth-century ladies' hats was a flimsy and more than unusual offering which stimulated considerable museum interest Manchester City Art Gallery paid E760 (estimate £220-£400) for a broad-rimmed feather hat lined with shell-pink silk. Five other hats, dating from the same period and variously constructed in straw, horsehair and silk, fetched between £380 and £760; all had

Latest wills

Lord Godber of Willington, of Willington, Bedfordshire, Conser-tative MP for Granthum 1951-79 and Minister of Agriculture 1961-63, left estate valued at £187,550

Other estates include (net, before

Connell, Mrs Lettice Tyringham, of Paddington, London .. E24,114

Jarvis, Mr William Sutton, of Penzance, fish merchant E211,906

Frank, Miss Annie, of Kirbymoor-ide, North Yorkshire . £333,060 Gould, Mrs Mary Finlay, of Bomero Heath, Shrewsbury £356,963

Kibble, Mr Francis William John, of Sharnford, Leicester £167,220 Smith, Mr Harri, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, local director of Barclays Bank £141,226

Science report Medicine: Growing skin in a test tube

of The Times Higher Education Supplement

Washington

Correction

Last week Dr Eugene Bell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Techno-logy (MIT), grafted a small patch of substitute skin, grown in a test tube from his own cells, on to his arm. It was the first laboratory transplant of human "skin-equivalent", he said.

Dr Bell's experiment extends to mankind a procedure which he and three colleagues from MIT and the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston have just tested successfully on laboratory rats. They describe it in this week's Science.

Other researchers are working on skin substitutes but none is yet in general use. At present doctors have to transplant segments of the patient's own skin, from a less but taking epidermal (outer skin) visible or important part of the body, to cover burnt tissue; if the

burns are extensive there may not be enough undamaged skin to use, and removing large areas of skin is itself a traumatic process.

Skin from other people or Skin from other nurn) are extensive there may not be enough undamaged skin to use, and removing large areas of skin is itself a traumatic process. Skin from other people or animals will be rejected, and coverings made from artificial materials must eventually be re-placed with the patient's own skin.

placed with the patient's own skin.

At a different hospital in Boston, Bent Brigham, doctors are devel-oping another promising approach. They reported in the Lancet pre-

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The Massachusetts acientists do not want to arouse premature excitement about the technique hecause, as they point out, its clinical applications have not yet been tested. But it obviously has great potential for treating burn victims.

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great potential for treating burn victims.

Starting with a few of the patient's skin cells, doctors could make a permanent living cover for their wounds, which would look like normal skin.

Other researchers are working on skin substitutes but none is yet on skin substitutes but none is yet of natural skin.

When the fibroblasts have multiplied in a nutrient medium, they are collected and added to a new policy of skin, as well as hlood serum and other nutrients. Gradually the collagen and libroblasts form a fibring similar to the bottom layer of natural skin.

sewn on to the donor, covering an open wound.

The Massachusetts researchers transplanted skin-equivalent on to 52 rats, covering up to 15 per cent of their hodies. They have been in place for more than a year and none has been rejected. Eighty per cent of the grafts retained their original size, completely preventing the disfiguring shrinkage that otherwise occurs as scar tissue forms over wounds.

The main difference from real skin is that askin-equivalent lacks hair follicles and sebactous elands. It grows tiny blood vessels, and after it has been in place for a few muntls has a cell structure close to the real thing.

Skin-equivalent can be grown in any size or shape from a small sample of tissue from the donor. It is ton soon to say how fast human skin-equivalent could be cultivated, but a conservative preliminary estimate is that one square foot would take less than a month. If the technique is applied to burn victims their wounds will need to be covered with artificial maternal until their own skin-equivalent is ready.

Source: Science (Vol 211, pages 1952-1954, March 6, 1981).

OBITUARY

DR MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

Former Minister of Westminster Chapel

Welsh preachers, died on St. David's Day at the age of 81. For over 20 years, until he retired in 1968 he preached 45 minute sermons to congrega-tions of between 1,500 and 2,000 in Westminster Chapel, London where he had been minister from 1943, He had the rare comfrom 1943. He had the rare combination of compelling logic and vivid enlightenment and was in the tradition of the Calvinistic Methodists, combining clear doctrine with warm personal application.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones studied medicine at Barts and, after taking his doctorate, became assistant to Lord Horder. But at 27 he gave up this prospect

at 27 he gave up this prospect at 27 he gave up this prospect of a brilliant medical career to become a Minister in Port Talbot. There and at Westminster Chapel, to which he moved in 1938, his exact medical training disciplined his thinking and teaching and helped bim to deal with those pastoral problems on the pastoral problems on the frontier between the physical and the spiritual. He relied little on oratory as such but moved his audience more by

All kinds of people came to hear him at Westminster Chapel, senior civil servants, actors, the down and out the Chinese Church and always a great number of students, with

Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones, the many from overseas, includi the present President of Keny And there was always a stea-stream of converts to t Christian faith.

Lloyd-Jones had a profou Lloyd-Jones had a proton effect on the Evangelical wing the church. As presided during the war, of the Inti-Varsity Fellowship, he help to lay the foundation of intellectual and theologic strength which with their era gelistic enthusiasm, has mathe Christian Unions the large voluntary students society. voluntary students society most British universities. I was also a founder and fu chairman on the Evecutive Co mittee of the Internation Fellowship of Evangelical St dents to which Christian stude movements in 70 countries a

now affiliated. Until last year, he chaired monthly minister's fratere and through this, through ! preaching in Britain and over seas, his many books and I wise personal advice and gu ance, he was a respected a well-loved Christian leader w

will be greatly missed. He married, in 1927, Berh Phillips who survives him wi two daughters, Elizabeth at Ann, one of whom, Elizabet married, in 1954, Sir Fr. Catherwood, European MP f Cambridgeshire and Wellir

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It was May Fountain who,

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MISS MAY FOUNTAIN

Miss May Fountain, Principal of Chelsea College of Physical Education from 1929 to 1950, died on February 6, at the age of 92. She was born on May 3, 1888, the fifth daughter of Joseph Septimus Fountain and his wife, Margaret (nee Allan). of Greenwich.

Educated there at a private school, it was probably the proximity of Dartford, the first of the Physical Training Colleges for Women (founded in 1885), which gave her the idea of taking up this then very unusual career. Typically, she looked about, and found the courses svailable in the younger Chelsea, founded in 1898,

attractive. Her training lasted from 1906-1908. It is amusing to recall that her father stipulated that she had to have lodgings as close as possible to the poly-technic, in which the College functioned, and never to go out unless accompanied by a maid. She kept this promise, even to cross from Glebe Place, traversing the horse-bus-ridden King's Road to arrive a couple of hundred yards away in Manresa

Road! Tall, slim, quiet and modest. May Fountain early displayed initiative in seeking to enlarge her professional horizons. She lectured for two years in the Teachers' Training College at Truro, and at the same time took the qualifying examinations of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics. After this she spent two years at the heart of the world of gymnastics—the Royal Central Gymnastic Institute in trated on studying their methods of training teachers. She became proficient in the tain adapted from running Swedish language, and trans-Swedish language, and trans-lated a number of difficult

Joining the staff of her own college in 1912, May Fountain travelled constantly in vacatechnical works. tions and on sabharical leaves to study the varied methods being developed abroad. Thanks to such contacts she became in demand to serve on committees so numerous that they could never be listed. Lecturing mainly on anatomy and theory of movement, she succeeded the College's founder, Dorette Wilke, in

Warmly supported by her staff, May Fountain proceeded to deepen and open the training offered. She was largely instrumental in getting London University to set up a diploma for students in three-years colleges in the theory and practice of physical education. She also inaugurated a oneyear course for teachers from training colleges.

She admired the supple. rhythmic work for

Retiring in 1950 to Corneral she never lost touch wit Chelsea in Eastbourne, which she visited as recently as 197. when the was as keenly inte-ested as ever in the work could demonstrate. She ha belonged to the second wave c pioneers in her profession, a of teachers who would sprea the excellence of their ideas t thousands of children i schools, rother than to th

formers.
The generations of student yet to be trained at "Chelsea will be the result of her gon work, which she will not set

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Foday's engagements

The Queen attends reception give

by Chief Constables' Club Guildnall, 6.20. The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Royal Both am West and Southern Countie

Society, attends society's show ground, Shepton Maliet, 11.13

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Medical Society of London
ettends society's annual dinner
in the Great Hall. St Bartholo
may's Horpital, 7.45.
The Duke of Gloucester preside:
at seminar of the British Con
softants Bureau, Institution of
Civil Engineers, Great George
Street, 10.15.
Lectures: Upholstery in eighteenth-century England, by

District council to buy historic barn

From Our Correspondent Colchester

After more than a decade of wrangling, the future of an ancient barn has been assured after the promise of an estimated £250,000 to buy and restore the crumbling strengths.

2250,000 to huy and restore the crumbling structure. The Grunge Barn, at Coggeshall, near Colchester, Essex was built at the time of the Crusades but the most recent battles have been waged over plans to save the building before it collapses.

The barn's owner, hir Robert Cullen, a farmer, maintained that he could not comply with the terms of a restoration order, but live years ago he was refused per-

ferms of a restoration order, nut five years ago he was refused per-mission to demolish it after a public inquiry.

Since then conservationists in the village have been trying to get the tithe harn restored. They sav-it is the oldest building of its kind on Europe.

It is the modest bunding or its kind in Europe.

Braintree District Council has come to the rescue with a compulsory purchase order, and the barn together with land acquired

for access is expected to be handed over to a locally bared fund-ralsing committee. Another public inquiry to determine compensa-tion claims is likely.

Lectures: Upholstery in eighteenth-century England, by Karlin Waiton Victoria and Albert Museum, 6,30; Ernest Bevin, by Jack Jones, 5; Caste, class; and modes of production, by Mrs. Alice Thorner, 5, Lundon School of Economics. Houghton Street; Mr Polly and the Apoccityne, by Professor Norman Mackenzie, Goldsmiths College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, ...

Exhibitions: Pan People, Photographery Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, 11-7; Animal drawings and pointings by Francis Cari, Firzon Gallery, 4 Windmill Street, off Coarlotte Street, 11-6.

Coarroan of the GLC receives Mr Prays, Vacance, Manister of Foreign Victor on Finland, Counce Hall, 10,45.

25 years ago From The Times of Monday. March 5, 1956

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Murch 4.—Herr Ulbrich:
today gained the distinction of
heing the first satellite leader to
disayone Stalin. He did so even
more outspokenly than Mr Khrushchev and Mr Mikoyan in Moscov.
In a two-page article in Neurs
Devischland he Said that Stalin

could not be counted among the classics of Martism because he had done considerable damage to the Souriet Community Party and the Souriet State High Ulbridge, unlike his Moscon mentors, did not avoid mentioning States he name again and again. . By dealing frankly with such an unpleasant question the Moscon party contress had displayed its determination to restore Leginist party conduct and to do away with the excessionaling from the personality sub-

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Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 10th day of Anril, 1981, in send in their full Christian and witromes. Burl addresses kind descriptions, full particulars of their debts of clause, and the manies and addresses of their Solicitors (if any). It the undersigned Kolth David Guodinan FGA III David Financial II See The Said David II David Guodinan FGA III David Forein in the Financial II See The Said Chorse in writing and prove their debts or claims at such time and piere as shall be servicided in such hotter, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

David Ints 27th day of Februars.

1981. K. D. GOODMAN Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

K. D. GOODNAN Liquidator THE GREAT AMERICAN DISASTER THE GREAT AMERICAN DISASTER

Notice is hereby query pursuant
in Section 25 of THE COMPANIES
ACT 1928 that a METTING of the
CREDITORS of the shows of the company will be held at the officer
at 1928 Rentince Street. London
will ABRA on Minday, the 16th
that of March, 1981 at 20 clock
midday, for the ourposes provided
for in Sections 25 and 25.

Dated the 27th day of February,
1981.

P. GROSS

Director

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DEFAM STREET Limited. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 20.5 of THE COMPANIES ACT. JUSTS that a MEETINN STREET LIMITED, which is the offices of Leanard Curies & Co., situate at 1.1 in all Charles of Leanard Curies & Co., situate at 1.1 in all Charles of Limited at 1.1 in all Charles of the Limited at 1.1 in all C A. CHATALOS.

KATINA FASHIONS Limited. Notice is here by nivin neuromant to Section 2013 of THE COMPANIES ACT. The COMPANIES ACT. The COMPANIES ACT. The COMPANIES ACT. THE COMPANIES OF THE COMPANIES OF THE COMPANIES AND THE COMPANIES AND THE COMPANIES ACT. THE COMPANIES ACT A. CHATALOS, Director.

A. CHATALOS Director In the Matter of SQUARE DEAL SUPPLIES 'TIMBER' Limited and in the Watter of THE COMPANIES ACT. 10-78 BHATTA of 149 Station Found Stideup. Nent was appointed LIQUIDATOR of Square Deal Supplies 'Timber' Limited by an order of the Righ Court dated 25th June 1980.

All Claims should be addressed to me.

N. G. BHATIA Liquidator

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D. L. MORGAN Liquidator

A, CHATALOS Director CHATTERS SHIRT CO. Limited.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 2°5 of the COMPANIES ACT 1048, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of Chatters Shirt Committed, will be held at the stituste at 3 4 Rentings Street, London, Wild Jah. on Thursday the Light day of March 1981 at 12 of 15th midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.

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New Books

The kid from Brooklyn

The Art of Maurice Sendak

By Schma G. Lanes

(The Bodley Head, £25)

All other Americans and most visitors from abroad are of one mind that New York is New York and not much to do with the rest of America, but if there is one place even nearcr Europe than Manhattan, it is Brooklyn.

Maurice Sendak, who was born there in 1928, and whose parents came from near Warsaw before the First World War, remembers feeling that you had not properly entered the United States at all until you had crossed the East River into Manhattan and plunged between the fabulous towers and windows to see a first-run movie having (even better) been taken out to eat. Brooklyn was just a sthetl from the plains of Poland after that. It was rarely dull however, even at the time, or if it was, the duliness seemed interesting in retrospect, Like Rosie's story of how her grandmother had died that

very morning: very morning:

And I believed Rosie—we all aid.

Then she went into a pantomime
of what had happened in the curin
dawn hours when they heard
furniture collapsing and mirrors
breaking and this rather heavy
woman gagging and choking, und
rushing about. They hung her
head out of the window. They
gave her the Kiss of Life. All to
no avail.

no avail.

Now during the telling of this story, up the street cames the grandmother, two big shapping bags in hand, her curpet slippers flapping, and she goes up the steps cursing the kids violently in tedian, brushing them usids with her feet, waddling then the house. They all separated for her, then said "Tell us again, Rosie".

As an illustrator of children's

As an illustrator of children's books, Sendak is in a class by himself today, and one of the things that makes his work so distinctive is that, within it, a child's Brooklyn of the Thirties and the great graphic traditions of Europe meet. An increasingly (1973). Studies like these of

rich and allusive achievement from A Hole is to Drg (1952) to Outside Over There, to be

Sendak's work, which in turn begs a good deal more about childhood itsalf, and whether there is any significant difference between it and the state conventionally accepted for the last two hundred and fifty years or so as being grown up.

He is, by any definition, a

contemporary master of the pen, ink and wash-an exhibition at the Ashmulean acknowledged as much—and he uses a dazzlina much—and he uses a dazzling classical technique, largely self-acquired from the study of artists like Bewick, Rowlandson, Cruikchank, Caldecort and Ludwig Grimm, to contain all the impuisiveness and remembered intensity of a Jewish childhood. Besides the Grimms, Sendak has illustrated the work of many other writers but it is on his own picture-books—The

his own picture-books—The Sign on Rosic's Door (1959), Where the Wild Things Arc (1963) and In The Night Kitchen (1970) that his reputation rests. It is hard to think of another artist in the genre whose work is so autobiogra-phical in memory, assimilation and content, nor one who was more certain, sooner or later. to be given the critical and psycheanalytical works.

The Art of Maurice Sendak is large, heavy and expensive. It is gorgeously illustrated with funny, beautiful, touching and downright bizarre material, some of it previously unpublished, and it has been beautifully printed in Japan. But it is not the works, It is cousin german, rather, to another book from the same

generous with visual informa-tion, enlightenment and design, but soft on critical intelligence and the great world outside.

They lack curiosity and perspective. Finch wrote a handsome
hagiography, and Miss Lanes
has not gone as far as that, but
she is a good friend of the artist and writes of Sendak's life and work with solemnity and excessive circumspection. Lazy New York words like cere-bral and wondrous, phrases like "crucial variables" and "Sendak's lexicon of pleasures" merely obscure the portroit of a man whose work makes an immediate impact and who has been widely seen as a nineteenth century artist who happens to work in the post-

journalism.

It is not enough, for example, to pass on, and implicitly share, Sendak's indignation when John Updike alludes to the "inviting derrière" of the floating boy in a review of Fly by Night (1976). The allusion was mischievous, but not irrelevant; nakedness plays a central rule in Sendak's work, to the pronounced horror, from the pronounced horror, from time to time, of parents and librarians though not, presum-ably, of their children. Infant sexuality informs perhaps his most beautiful and innocent book to date, In the Night Kitchen, without in any way lessening its innocence, humour lessening its innocence, humour or perfection of touch, whilst for Charlotte Zolotow's Mr Rabbit and the Lovely Present (1962) he devised a delicate dream of high summer in which an elegant and resourceful white rabbit and a serious little girl share a chaste but faintly erroin afternoon.

Outside Over There, for which Miss Lanes reproduces fascinating preliminary sketches, and which completes a trilogy of classic picture-books with Wild Things and the Night Kitchen, goes even further and proposes that even

the winning side."

merit of Crossman is that he never shrinks from presenting

politics in the raw. In that area there remains, however,

one enormous paradox about the man himself. No one who

ever knew Dick Crossman can

regarded min a quite the ferent light from any routine left-wing backbencher. Worse, he himself enjoyed—even revelled in—being within the citaldel. The final ironic swist, I fear, is that the great demonstrational results and results and results are the great demonstrations.

cratic advocate was more than a bit of an oligarch.

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looked at it before".

would hope so too.

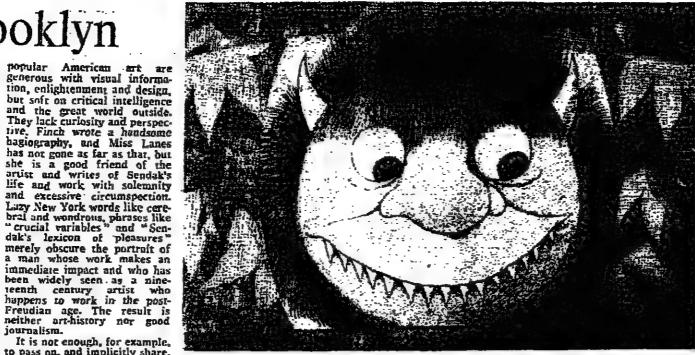
"I went out into the light," he says, adding with character-istic honesty, "This conversion.

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plete, because one continues to

apparently excluded those emo-tional ties with family servants that bring conflict and con-that bring conflict and con-

Anthony Howard



Curtain design for the opera Where the Wild Things Are 1979.

babies are whole and complete individuals who experience terror and pleasure and the puzzlement of thinking in a thoroughly realized way. When travelling in Germany and Britain for his Grimm drawings, Sendak spent invaluable time in galleries and collections: his babies, grasping for sunflowers, are bruiser descendants of Runge's Hülsenbeck children in Hamburg, and other allusions, in no way insisted upon, include sheep by Samuel Palmer, ships from Caspar David Friedrich, a Mahlerian Wonder Horn and The Magic Flute.

Theatre and music have entered Sendak's world. He has designed a Flute for the Houston Opera and a Cumning Little Vixen for Washington. Where the Wild Things Are has itself been turned into an opera by Oliver Knussen; a Mozart book is gestating. Since the Metropolitan Opera in New York has taken over David Hockney with whom Sendak shares perfectionism, wit,

a creative assessment of the past and a passion, somewhat abated now, for furious crossabated now, for furious cross-harching—Covent Garden or the Welsh National Opera should retaliate by asking Sendak to do Hansel and Gretel; he has already done the Grimm story. We should not lose on the ex-change, for Sendak's fastidious and slightly chilling response to the German folk idiom of the Romantic age would complement Humperdinck's late nine-

ment Humperdinck's late nine-teenth century sumptuousness startlingly multi-Sendak conjures feasts for connoisseurs. All the books I have mentioned are in print from The Bodley Heed. Apart from Where the Wild Things Are (£3.50), Higglety Pigglety Pop! (£1.50), In the Night Kit-chen (£3.95) and The Juniper Tree (£2.50), I think the funniest is Hector Protector (1965, £2.95) and one of the most touching and best written most touching and best written
The Sign on Rosic's Door
(1959, £2.95), which draws on
the recium of August in Brocklyn most directly and seems to

what they lave taken on, they debate as follows:
"Subja want told."
"She wan't young to pars many."
"She was young to pars many."
"Seventy-six?"
"Was she seventy-six?"
"That's not old."
"The book more all into a little

suggest the fantastical child-hood of a Tennessee Williams heroine. Some Swell Pup (1976) fails not because it shows a small dog defecating on the carpet, but because it is too long—a rare lapse in judgment long—a rare lapse in judgment —and because its use of the strip cartoon is artful and leaves one feeling it would have been better done by Charles Schulz.

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The genius of Peanuts is never mentioned by Miss Lanes, neither are Sesame Street nor The Muppet Show, both of which would not have taken the form they did without the example of Where the Wild Things Are. Wild Things, of course, not only read books, they smell them and eat them: their round yellow eyes would swivel with ecstasy at the pictures in The Art of Maurice Sendak: but when they came to rest their pointed teeth on the text, they would find it short of fresh ingredients and fundamentally unyielding.

Michael Ratcliffe

Michael Ratcliffe

behaviour (though, of course being rounded up by the English police for internment is not comparable to being woken in the night by the Nazis). As a novel of erotic awakening it is fresh and often moving encompassing the sec-rer places of the spirit as well as those of the body. Frederick Buechner is a

membered swallows to the piles. It is not surprising that sister Lucille chooses drassmaking and normalcy, and goes off to live with friends. Most readers will remember the novel for the descriptions of the lake, and the bridge over it, the hills about the water, and the yellow sun rising over them. But Marilyn Robinson has an ear for comic dialogue, too. As the great aunts begin to contemplate what they have taken on, they debate as follows: frederick Buechner is a figure of some stature in the United States, and Godric is evidently a departure from his usual mode; I'm afraid I wasn't overly delighted by it. It is a densely written account of the twelfth century Durham saint, who travels towards sanctity across a world of altogether plausible brutality. Kings the the limbs of women in labour together for sport; ascetics fight off their demons with failing limbs; and Godric wanders to Jerusalem and back

wanders to Jerusalem and back with his mother, and reflects upon the work of God's hands. The language is often tough and surprising, but the rhythms are worryingly famil-iar. Is it the iambic pentameter we hear behind the choice of each sentence length? Not quite: but there is something bemusing in the regularity,

nevertheless.

Deceptive Cadence, marked contrast, is a simple unpretentious read. A Hungarian planist, with a punishing concert schedule which makes it difficult to relate to any other human being suddenly disappears in mid-tour. As the book turns entirely on his pre-cise motives for doing so, it would be unfair of me to reveal them. No doubt a good part of the interest comes from the (altogether illegitimate) attempt to gawk behind the scenes for signs of the life of the author's husband, Pinchas Zukerman. But whatever else, the book is accurate about the necessary tensions of perform ance, and the pleasures of give ing pleasure to an audience. I couldn't help wondering why anyone with the international reputation as a flautist of Evgenia Zukerman should turn to the satisfactions of fiction.

Elaine Feinstein

Swann song

Remembrance of Things Past By Marcel Proust

Translated by C. K. Scott Mon-crieff and Terence Kilmartin (Chatto & Windus, vols 1, 2, 3, £17.50, £19, £18.50).

"It is only too easy". Terence Kilmartin comments, in the preface to his revised translation of Remembrance of Things Past, "for the late-comer to assume the beau rôle." Thus on an almost apologetic note he prefaces this desperarely-needed revision of Scott Moncrieff's version—"almost a masterpiece in its own right." But behind Scott Moncrieff's translation; there is a masterpiece in its own right—Proust's—not, how-ever, as it appeared in the muddled and incomplete Nouvelle Revue Française edition, on which Scott Moncrieff had on which Scott Moncrieft had perforce to work, but as it now stands in the much-corrected and augmented Pléiade edition of 1954. There was therefore great need for revision, now that Proust's text has been largely liberated from the confusions and misreadings engendered by the novelist's untimely dered by the novelist's untimely death and his terrible manu-scripts, with their incessant, often illegible, corrections, their insertions between the lines, down the margins, up the mar-gins, and along the multi-folded paperoles he glued in.

paperoles he glued in.
In addition to using the much fuller and more reliable Pléiade text, Kilmartin translates, as Addenda, many of the very interesting passages, relegated, for a variety of reasons, to the "Notes and Variants" or "Appendix" of the Pléiade edition. He also follows the Pléiade model in offering at the end of each volume a synopsis for ease of reference. In sis for ease of reference. In the myriad volumes of the earlier translation, tracking earlier translation, tracking down a reference could be a nightmare though Spalding's "Reader's Handbook to Proust" (revised a few years ago to include Andreas Mayor's translation of the final volumes) provided a synopsis under separate cover—along with a very useful Index-guide. Who, one wonders, will now underone wonders, will now undertake the task of re-indexing?
(Please hurry.) Kilmartin's notes are few but well-judged to give explanations of unusual terms, vital information on literary and historical refer-ences, and useful reminders of parallels and repetitions—as well as inconsistencies—within the novel. Though not weighed

down by scholarly apparatus, this is a professional job well done, and handsomely produced in good bold print. Kilmartin rightly stresses that the translator's loyalty is
to the original author, but
nevertheless offers here a
reworking of the Scott Moncrieff transmeter the translations of the Scott Moncrieff transforms into the mincingly coy
"Aren't you naughty ..." is
now more robustly rendered as
"What a big burn you have?".
On the other hand, the ventre
final volumes. It is difficult, of course, to commenplate anything as radical as a completely
men." becomes in Kilmartin that the translator's loyalty is to the original author, but nevertheless offers here a reworking of the Scott Moncrieff version, followed by, when Scott Moncrieff is embalmed as an English classic. But if one's loyalty is entirely to Proust, sion (despite its semi-classic prestige, its many felicities, and its monumental status as a labour of love) still standsbetween us and a new English

With all due deference Kilmartin points out that Scott Kilmartin points out that Scott Moncrieff's prose "tends to the purple and the precious". Indeed. And countless English readers have, in consequence, believed Proust's tone to be precious, affected, and even wantonly periphrastic, though, as Kilmartin observes, "the as Kilmartin observes, "the truth is that, complicated, dense, overloaded though it often is, Proust's style is essentially natural and unaffected, quite free of preciosity, arthus and the style is essentially natural and unaffected, quite free of preciosity, arthus the style of the style o elegance." Proust's prose indeed bristles with logic and imperus, and if sometimes there is difficulty, it is difficulty that arises not from a leisurely rambling through leafy lanes of language, but from the passionate, purposeful thrusting of a way through the labyrinths of experience.
Scott Moncrieff, as Kilmartin

again readily acknowledges, stays, contrary to popular mythology, very close to the text (the one he had!). But text (the one he had!). But staying too close can be—and was—dangerous, especially when too little allowance is made for essential differences between the two languages, like, for instance the genderagreements that, in French, guide the reader to the right connections or the useful difconnections, or the useful dif-ferentiation of the relative pronoun into que and que, subject and object, a differentiation reflected in "who" and "whom" but not available to "that" or "which". When such morphological signposts are taken away, the reader, when faced with the original word-order, may no: know which way to turn. On the other hand, the timest changes have astonishing importance in so dense a prose as Proust's. Displacements in the word-order, inattentiveness to some of Proust's pointers, and even apparently trivial shifts of vocabulary can seriously dathage the intricate unity of the

In the rendering (in both versions) of Proust's étendues silencieuses du ciel réflété silencicuses du ciel refleté isilent expanses of the reflected sky) as "the silent reaches of a mirrored firmament", what devastation—quite apart from the pomposity of the nouns—is wrought by that posturing "a"! Proust is wrizing of the sky reflected in the water, not of an indefinite, ineffable "firmament".

Kilmartin's revision, however, removes a good deal of the affectation of the earlier version, and the frequency of unlovable words like "behold", "aught", "albeit", and the hideous "aught", "albeit", and the hideous, mouth-pursing shew", has been reduced. There are many excellent clarifications of passages that in the earlier version were of almost insuperable opacity. Small corrections like the replacement of "du Deffant" by "du Deffand", of "wrapper" by "dressing-gown", "watchbracelet" by "wristwatch" and "a sterile Medusa" (no snakes?) by "a sterile fellyfish", improve readability. Many of the French words that littered the earlier version—"a Many of the French words that littered the earlier version—"a sort of virement" (in an accountancy context), or "aboveur", are replaced by the English "transfer" and "barker", while "Monsieur your father" gives way to "your distinguished father". Kilmartin also eschews the misplaced delicacy that renders the carriage qui sentait Phorizontale as "a carriage like a you could smell it a mile off" and opts for one that "reeked of harlot".

Jupien's thoroughly indelicate

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thing as radical as a completely men", becomes, in Kilmartinwith scant respect for anatomy or plausibility—her ach ". There is still, in translations (though much less one may still reasonably regret in Kilmartin) some insensitivity that the Scott Moncrieff verto the reader's occasional need for a word to indicate stress and meaning. A sentence which runs: "I could not regard as wasted hours in which . . ." causes an unnecessary hiccup in the reading, and the English reader may often feel, when clauses or nouns accumulate, the lack of a steering "or" to improve his navigation, or a friendly "and" to help him over the style . . Kilmartin has, however, done much easing of tortured syntax, though some sentences still languish on the rack, and has removed some comic gaucheries, like "meraphor leaves you deaf and French history cold", whose passing one is tempted to mourn. As winter turns (as it surely must) to spring, it will console many to know that a whole summer's reading is now portably available in three English volumes packed with poetry, wir, and humour, and penetrating observation both of the external scene and of the landscapes of the heart.

Valerie Minogue

Bagehot as rogue elephant tally, that makes today's quar-rel between the Social Demo-crats and the leadership look tually from the beginning he the The Backbench Diaries of Richard Crossman

Edited by Janet Morgan

(Hamish Hamilton/Cape, £15) Dick Crossman was my farst, and only, political hero. Of course he could be, and frequently was totally infuriating. In the New Statesman of the early 1970s be caused just as many tears and tantrums as he had in the Wilson cabiner of the late 1960s. But, beyond everything and above all, he was a born political teacher. In this last published volume of his Diaries, he finally vindicates his claim to be the Bagehor of our age ".

Not since Lord Beaver-brook's trilogy on the political much light been thrown on a particular period of British parliamentary history. In a paramentary history. In a way that may be surprising, for in this period (stretching, with sapa, from 1951-63), Dick Crossman was in no sense at the centre of the political stage. He was a "rogue element," backbase her sampling.

stage. He was a "rogue elephant" backbencher trampling
with a splendid impartiality on
the susceptibilities, of friends
and foes alike. It was also a
time when he multiplied his
own difficulties by valiantly
(but vainly) trying to box the
compass between being a
participant in politics and
simultaneously a newspaper
commentator on the passing
political scene. What we get
here, therefore, is essentially a
view from the wings—but one
that illuminates, the nature and view from the wings—out one that illuminates, the nature and character of British politics even more sharply than the later volumes written from the vantage point of being a Labour cabinet minister.

In one respect, of course, we are very formmate. Although he held no place in Labour's man—through being a Bevanite—was thrust into the cockpit of the controversy that convulsed the Labour movement in the 1950s, it was the roughest power struggle in Labour's history (one, incidenparliamentary hierarchy, Cross-

Towards the Mountain

in his very fine autobiography. Towards the Mountain, that will.

book barely proceeds beyond feeling this point, ending before sphere apartheid became official, "Lear

Instead it provides an alto-

gether fascinating insight into how Cry, the Beloved Country, a modern classic of compassion, came to be written

by that most unlikely of can-

didates, someone whose chief ambition at the time was to become South Africa's Director

No brief- résumé of major

events and influences could

possibly do the same, but even lust to rip of the iceberg, as it were, has its enlightening

Alan Stewart Paton was born

in 1903 of Christadelphian parents in Pietermarizzburg, Natal. He hated his violent unhappy father, and "through an intense reaction to nature" he

By Alan Paton

From the dark

(Oxford, f12.50)

Despite Also Paton's reputation as one of apartheid's most outspoken critics, there is nothing to what passes for a normal white South African childhood. He makes some reference to his family's service.

intense reaction to nature he ing into daily contact with created a private world of black people on a very different basis, but he was also meeting whites whose caring attitudes greatly impressed him. More-

like a decorous game of croquet). Crossman, with his well-known zest, plunged into the Bevanite battle from the beginning and, mainly through his predilection for being his own man rather than anyone else's, succeeded, in the end in getting bruised almost equally by both sides.

wayward, petulant, at moments almost childish—is a salutary portraiture enclosed in Mr Michael Foot's two-volume biography. Not that Crossman does not supply an equivalent antidote elsewhere. The impression of Hugh Galtskell that emerges here—inflexible, insensitive, intolerant—is barely reconcilable with the plaster saint encased in Mr Philip Williams's massive single-volume biography of the year before

It does not, in fact, require much percention to understand why Crossman was never regarded as the most trustworthy of colleagues or dependable of allies. He suffered from the terrible defect in a politician of always wanting to blurt out the truth as he saw it. To his diary he could do that with even less inhibition than to his friends. And, alas for the parliamentarians trade union (who can be expected to resent this volume just as much as they did the ones published ear-lier), he was also gifted with

The figure of Aneurin Bevan dominates the first half of this volume. Initially Crossman is to be found among the most ardent of his disciples; but Bevan soon becomes a felien idol. The picture, indeed, that Crossman provides of him—wayward netulant at moments.

one of the sharpest pens ever wielded by a politician.

into "paradise", and apparently excluded those emo-tional ties with family servants

vants, but never as individuals.

"Least of all," Mr Paton

declares, in one of the book's most revealing passages, "did I accept the belief which was

l accept the belief which was later to become the driving force of my life, that all these societies (black, white and brown) were in fact one society.

I use the word accept, because

this particular belief has to be

accepted by an act of will."

Then at 32, after a severe illness, be gave up science teaching, and inspired by a book on delinquency, applied

for the post of reformatory principal, hoping he'd not be put in charge of the one for black boys. He was, and made

an enormous success of the job

through a number of radical

changes.

His life changed radically too. Not only was he now com-

Fiction spotted as the lago of the Bevanite enterprise. Nor are Housekeeping

the lesser vignettes any less vivid, even when they are vicious. At the end of the 1950s, for example, the late Ray Gunter was widely hailed as the coming man among Labour politicians: an actual, By Marilynn Robinson (Faber, £5.25) Secret Places **By Janice Elliott** real, live trade unionist who real, live trade innonist who might yet prove to have it in him to reunite the various factions, within the party. Crossman, however, was not deceived. To him Gunter was merely "a great watery slobwho drinks a bit too much and (Hodder & Stoughton, £6.50)

Godric By Frederick Buechner (Chatto & Windus, £6.50) whose statesmanship consists of being two-faced and backing Deceptive Cadence By Eugenia Zukerman Hardly perhaps the kind of language that one normally expects to find in political memoirs—but then the great

l'eidenfeld & Nicholson,

garlanded by so much distin-guished approbation, it is herd not to turn an unfairly beady eye upon it. Marilyn Robinson has the virtues of precision and clarity rather than intenever knew Dick Crossman can possibly have doubted his determination to rip off the respectable façade of parlismentary democracy and show the public the truth. But did he ever quite realise the truth about himself?

Certainly, nothing struck me more forcibly about this volume than just what a privileged position Crossman occupied, even as an idiosyncratic backbencher, in the British power structure. His own party leaders, Clement Attlee and Hugh Gaitskell, his political opponents like Edward Boyle, Iain Macleod or Lord Harlech, society hostesses from Lady Hartwell to Lady Melchett—all regarded him in a quite different light from any routine sity; the prose of meditation rather than action. Neverthe-less, this is a first novel which records the strangeness of life at the edges of society with all the power of genuine eccentricity. The story is set in Fingerbone, a town on a glacial lake in the Far West of America. Ruth and her sister

The book moved just a little too slowly for my unqualified pleasure, but it closes with a chilling account of escaping across the railway bridge from the ordinary world of scholers relevant which could stand alone as an image of what the whole book is about. Fine writing can often be eavy reading; not so, in Housekeeping has already been heavy reading; not so, in Janice Elliour's new novel, which is a marvellously sensitive evocation of life in a sensitive evocation of the in a girls' school in war-time Derbyshire. The arrival of the refugee, Laure Meister, changes the weather of the classroom, and excises both interest and hostility. Patience, who is at the centre of the

story, befriends the newcomer when she is buited as a German. There are some ironies in this victimization, since this victimization, since although Herr Doctor Meister is a declared opponent of Hider (now a C-class alien, and evidently useful in the physical sciences) Laura's much-loved brother has America. Ruth and her sister akhough Herr Doctor Meister have been shandoned there by their mother, who drives on and into the lake; the book concerns itself with the upbringing they receive, first at the hands of their grandmother, then two mildly dotry great then two mildly dotry great tenances of the period—gasunts, and finally their Aunt Sylvie, whose life as a transient has not prepared her for domestic responsibility. Ruth's the exple of her camping-out in the syle of her camping-out in the house without astonishment. Sylvie sleeps with her boots on. She hoards newspapers and cans. Mice live in gives Janice Elliott an opportant the newspapers, and a proliferating family of cars add dispressions of the records and prejudice in terms of local

Nathalie Sarraute and the War of the Words, by Valeric Minogue (Edinburgh University, £10). Sarraute is a pioneer of the nouveau roman

terns of language as in poerry not to describe people, but to create reality. Valerie Minogue is a senior lecturer at Queen Mary College, and author of a good study of Proust. Her book decodes and illuminates five novels by Sarraute, all available in English, and also discusses her most recent works.

Flora Annie Steel, by Violet Powell (Heinemann, £8.50). celebrity. Violet Powell cap-Flora Annie Steel (née Webstures the spirit and the charm ter) sailed for India in the of this splendid woman.

1860s as the young bride of an Indian Civilian. She busied herself so effectively in the welfare and education of the people in her bushand's dis-trict, that the Government complained of her intransigence, but made her Inspector of Schools throughout the Punjab. Her novel of the Indian Mutiny, On the Face of the Waters, and others made her a

Poison in jest The Crystal Bucket

By Clive James

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(Cape, £6.95)
This is a selection from Clive
James's columns in The
Observer. It covers three years
of his television reviews and
ends in December, 1979, with a
reference to the death of Joyce
Grenfell. "Her humour", he
says, "was so devoid of malice
that some people called her
sentimental. She wasn't. She
was just greatly good."
That is one of the few really
nice things Mr James says
about anybody. He, himself, is
never interested in seeming
even slightly good, either on
the page or on the screen. But,
in real life there would be
nobody more benevolent or

Towards the Mountain, that will seriously embarrass his fellow white South Africans.

The reason is simple: Mr and when, in his mid-twenties, Paton lived almost half his Toch H made him "feel responding the dark", and the sible for society" it was a book barely proceeds beyond reserved. Mr Paton left the country in 1946 to enhance his chances of becoming Director of Prisons by studying penal methods in Europe and the United States. novody more benevolent or Desperately homesick in Nor-way, and with an hour to kill more vulnerable. So I am suce malice has little to do with the stinging personal remarks ha hands our. before an engagement, he wrote the first chapter of Cry, the I imagine most of his victims Beloved Country. And over the next three months, during

can take it. Sir Harold Wilson probably cares very little about a lourney which doesn't always appear to have been very real to him, he completed the novel the futile gestures he is accused of making with an empty pipe. Sartre is no langer in the grip of an "intense emotion" that suggests another retreat into a private around to worry, poor chap, that "He only ever had one good idea in his life". And King Edward VIII is equally world, only this time of paraunavailable to comment on his alleged "hidden shallows". Towards the Mountain closes with Mr Paton hoping that he

To turn to the living most of those who suffer from the Clive James treatment are probably too big to bother. Including Max Bygraves ("No will be able to set down the second half of his life before death comes to him. Anyone has read the first helf more fun than a sinus wash"); Eric Porter ("As usual, over-enunciating like James McChire

Julie Andrews*); and Sir Michael Tippett ("It takes talent to generate triviality"). Nor can I imagine Mrs Nor can I imagine Mrs. Thancher losing much sleep after the author's welcoming diarribe at her moment of triumph, in 1979. She sounded, he said, "like the book of Revelations read out over a railway station public address system by a headmistress of a system by a headmistress of a certain age wearing calico

I sometimes wonder if such examples of Clive James's work are merely used as appe-tizers, just as Esther Rantzen's That's Life makes use of smut to sugar the pill of more useful material. Clive even shares Esther's interest in buttocks. And because his comments on such matters are so vivid, there is a danger, until you acquire his work in hardback form, that you might forget be the most thoughtful television critic corrently being published.

I am sure that if Clive James made fewer ourrageous remarks about his fellow-performers (and why do none of them ever tell him about his own television manner?) his occasional moments of devastaring seriousness would seem less vivid. My favourite here is his description of the ballerina,

"Watching her dance", he writes, "you could forget the world without feeling you were running away."

Kenneth Robinson

Quick guide

a postwar France. In the intolerable wrestle with words and life, she uses rhythms and pat-

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Allen Lane

Souness breaks Bulgarian backs

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Football Correspondent

Liverpool 5 CSKA Sofia little opportualty to gain a second British victim in this season's European Cup when at Amfield in the quarter-final last night the League champions regained their stature.

Three goals from Souness, two taken with searing drives in the second half, highlighted Liverpool's performance which, it may seem difficult to believe, was not without concern. The Bulgarians, despite the score, showed, as they had when twice beating Nottingham Forest earlier in the season, that in the departments of close control and counter-attacking they were outstanding. Here, however. Liverpool's stamina, physical presence and, above all, superb goals were down all the invention. In the end, CSKA drooped.

At 3-0 Sofia had given them.

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At 3-0 Sofia had given themselves hope with a defiant goal, and they had often run the Liverpool defence into a nervous state, yet, finally, they paid for failing to take their well-made chances. They are certainly capable of closing the margin in Sofia in a fortnight's time, but Liverpool's experience will surely take them to the semi-final.

Withous Johnson, Liverpool used

Without Johnson, Liverpool used Without Johnson, Liverpool used Heighway's speed on the Jeft and it was his brisk work that gave the Bulgarians a troublesome start, constantly needing to clear their penalty area as Dalgilsh intercepted the flow of centres. The danger that Forest had seen but not countered in their European ties was the breakaway speed of CSKA, mainly through Markov and Dieylson, and although not often Djevisov, and although not often given such opportunities here, the threat was clear.

When Hansen let Yonchev escape him dangerously close to escape him dangerously close to goal. Clemence was required to use all of his speed to throw himself into the legs of the muscular little horde, and Liverpool turned hack to attack in force. A pitch length movement begun by Alan Kennedy, taken on by Daiglish but finished haphazardiy by McDermott, found Sofia's defence less than the solid cliff which appeared and after 16 minutes the old familiar power of Liverpool, here liar power of Liverpool, here restored for the occasion, brought

pool half led to Dalglish holding off Rangelov while Souness made some space before receiving the ball and planting it past Vetinov for a fine goal.

Liverpool's pleasure was slightly discoloured when it became obvious that Thompson was in discomfort after stretching for a tackle and receiving a kick. He had to leave the field, allowing Irwin to replace him in the centre of the defence where he was even more uncomfortable against the speed of the Bulgarian forwards when they raced towards him.

If Dalglish should have made more of the chance from eight yards out, although a tricky angle. CSKA could claim, or admit, that twice before half time they ought to have scored. First Hansen and then Irwin made fearful errors, allowing Yonchev and Djevisov clear routes to goal. Clemence had to be alert to block the first attack but in the second Irwin's mistake allowed Djevisov to run past Clemence only to ruin his opportunity with a hurried, high

past Clemence only to ruin his opportunity with a hurried, high shot.

Liverpool realized the need for more goals and as the game moved into first half injury time Ray Kennedy headed down in the goalmouth and as Sofia's defenders tried to clear Lee swept in for a fierce shot to give Liverpool their second.

The fractured Bulgarian defence now gave Liverpool their head. Heighway, who had seemed to fade out of the game, suddenly began to cause them problems. His pass square across the penalty area should have been intercepted by one of them, but Souness was left with the ball and fairly blasted a shot high into the net.

a shot high into the net.

Just as Liverpool thought they had broken the back of their task, a moment's slackness in their own defence allowed Yonchev to find himself as free as Liverpool's forwards had been and without hestation he struck a good shot beyond Clemence, Liverpool felt that Bulgarian away goal like a stab and McDermott soon rectified matters. Ray Kennedy's pass across the area put McDermott in possession and his shot curied, almost reluctantly, inside the far post.

In contrast to McDermott's shot. liar power of Liverpool, here restored for the occasion, brought the one that Souness unleashed for his third and Liverpool's fifth gave not the least cause for doubt. The Bulgarians were tiring badly, was evident as he strode confidently out of defence although he was not always at case in his only just finished. They had nothing left when, towards the majestic stroll through the Liver-



Souness: superb goals highlighted Liverpool's peformance.

before he passed wide to Heighway, whose centre was placed in the sights of Soulcess by Ray Kennedy, Souness 'accepted the offer with giee, driving his 25-yard shot like a shaft to the weakened beart of Sotia.



Ipswich Ironsides sweep cavaliers aside

From Clive White St Etienne, March 4 St Etlenne 1

Ipswich 4 Ipswich Town's nerve survived the most tortuous opening 20 minutes of their European lives to achieve a victory that was made startling by its simplicity here tonight at the Stade Geoffroy Guichard. St Etienne, the laughing cavallers of Fronch football, were swept aside with a brand of foothall which has harnessed the finest qualities in Europe today.

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It was a result only clairwoyants predict and considering St Etienne's 6—0 defeat of SV Hamburg in the previous round of this Uefa Cup, it puts British club football in a powerful position, albeit

in the lesser competition, albeit in the lesser competition. It has to be said that St Etionne were a bitter disappointment after the strides they and French foothall have made in these past few years. Platini was an emerald jewel in those early trembling minutes but one that lost its lustre long before the end. The air raid strens and green equal venom.

Nevertheless it was eight min-Nevertheless It was eight minutes before Cooper, the Ipswich
goalkeeper, touched the bail. The
pressure was building up on the
Englishmen for all the relief that
the Dutch pair, Thijssen and
Muhren, afforded them. A curling
free kick by Zanon required an
excellent save from Cooper and
still Ipswich were not allowed a
moment's peace. When a harrassed
Beattie cleared from Rep it was
the green light for St Etlenne to
take Control. From the ensuing take control. From the ensuing corner Zanon found a determined Rep rising too powerfully even

Reattie, to head home

flates that symbolised "Les Verts" provided a frightening introduction for Ipswich even before the kick-off and St Etienne blayed coolly on those jangling nerves for the next 20 minutes. In the first minute Paganelli went around Butcher with the greatest of ease and the Ipswich player came within a stud of bringing him down before Beattle arrived with the speed of Superman to clear. Whether marked or not. chain of command and Ipswich were still their prisoners when, in the 27th minute, the midfield broke free, half expecting to be caught. Muhren curied a ball harmlessly to the far corner of the French penalty area and Mariner rose as though on imaginery shoulders to pound home his header. Whether marked or not, it made no difference. It was the first goal St Etienne had conceded in the competition so far.

The adrenalin began to slow in The agreement organ to slow in St. Etienne's veius and, just in case their hearts were fait too, players like Osman, Beattle and Wark challenged them flercely wherever the ball and a green shirt went. The physical aspect of the English game clearly upset the

Within two minutes of the restart loswich scored again with stunning cheek. Mariner played a side-footed cross along the face of defence. Wark flicked it casually backwards and Muhren

scored with a sweetly-placed shot of minimum relocity. St Etienne left themselves thinly spread at the back without any great com-mitment to attack. Brazil, fed by Gates, was allowed ample oppor-tunity to make a cross after 58 minutes and when Butcher's carefully-placed shot was blocked Mariner popped up to slip it in.

From then on it was a matter of really containing the French until the opportunity presented itself to score again, which It did after 76 minutes. Butcher crossed and Wark's header sailed in tightly by the far post. Mariner threw his arms into the air, the French applauded warmly and Ipswich took one large stride towards the

SEMI-DIAL FOUND.

ST ETIENNE: J. Casiuneda: P. Batthon, J.-L. Zanon, B. Carrier, J.-F. Larlos, L. Pagarnell, J.-F. Larlos, L. Roussey 1946, J. Zimakon, M. Platini, J. Rev. IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper: M. Mills, C. Butcher, F. Thiltsen, R. Ouman, K. Beatie, J. Wark, R. Muhren, P. Mariner, A. Bruzil, E. Gates, Referee: M. Raigea (Romania).

awe of the celluloid

ghosts By Stuart Jones

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West Ham 1 Dinamo Tblisi 4

The claret and blue ribbons of West Ham United may already be died to the second division prophy, may be draped loosely around the League Cup but they have all but been torn off the European Cup Winners' Gup. Last might they suffered their first home defeat since the opening day of the season at the hands of Dynamo Tbliss, perhaps the best side to have been seen here in the first leg of their quarter final round the The Russlans emerged from their

The Russlans emerged from their deep midwinter break but there was no need to brush any sleep away from their encrusted eyelids. They were sharp and lively from They were sharp and lively from the start and as their delightful skills unfolded, it became painfully clear that it would have been a difficult right even if West Ham had been at their best. Sadly, they were not.

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Tolisi were an unknown quantity, players whose elongated names' had been passed on by previous conquerors. Liverpool and Waterford, whostly figures who had been seen only on celluloid. But instead of playing the way that has led to so much success, it was as though West Ham stood back in awe on being introduced to film stars.

There was one man, however, who deserved such a reputation. An unlikely figure with moustache and balding pate, Kipiani strolled around Upton Park on jong, lean leas like a country headmaster. His pupils, dressed in blue and white, looked to him whenever they could and he was eager to receive so much attention. Rarely did he abuse it.

West Ham clearly had not listened to any advice that may have been given about the power and accuracy of Chivadze's shot. Otherwise they would not have allowed him to run through unopposed midway through the first half and beat Parkes from 25

Otherwise they would not have allowed him to run through unopposed midway through the first half and beat Parkes from 25 yards. He was not the only player, though, to feel so free in midfield. West Ham, already committed to going forward, were leaving gaping holes at the back. Gutsaer, who had fed Chlvadze for the first, then took advantage of a glaring defensive error to score the second himself. A long clearance left Stewart alone at the back and, as he misdirected his header, Gutsaev was left clear. Worse was to come. As the interval loomed, Devonshire went down after an awkward tackle and had to be helped off. It was the last he was seen as Allen replaced him in the second half. West Ham's hopes had now all faded away.

Bonds, though, does not give up that eastly and nor do West Ham's supporters. Amid a crescendo of noise, Brooking took a corner on the bour and Cross, nudging ball and defender, was credited with his 18th goal of the sesson. The applause, more an expression of relief, had scarcely died away before Tblist regained their two-goal advantage.

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fore Tbilisi regained their two-goal advantage.

Another defensive mix-up let in Svanadse and although Stewart denied him, his desperate clearance struck the right hand post and Shengelia prodded in the rebound. The speedy little striker took the fourth with similar aplomb after he had been released by a breathtaking through ball from Kipiani.

WEST HAM! P. Parkes: R. Stewart. F. Lampard. W. Bonds. A. Viarin. A. Devonshire (spb. P. Allen. J. Neighbour. R. Goddard. D. Cross. T. Srooking, G. Piko.

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West Ham in Newport, the minnows Bewildered who played like giants

Newport County the tiny Welsh-based club who play in the third division, stole the limelight in the quarter-final round first leg of the Cup-Winners' Cup by holding Carl Zeiss Jena to a 2—2 draw in East Germany, Newport's hero was Tommy Tynan who scored both their goals, the second equalizer coming in the dying seconds. Raab scored twice for Carl Zeiss, who had beaten the redoubtable Roma in the previous round. With away goals counting double in the event of a tie. Nevport seem a good bet to see off the East German Challenge on home soil. Carl Zeiss took the lead only for Tynan to level in the fortieth minute. Then Raab restored Carl Zeiss's Icad in the second half.

Bentica emerged favourites to triumph over Fortuna Düsselfdorf after earning a 2—2 draw in their first-leg match in West Germanv. Wenzel and Dusend scored for the East of the East Serman Challenge for Bentica.

Real Manuel and Humberto replied for Bentica.

Real Mardid, six times winners of the European Cup, took a firm of their goalkeeper Schumacher.

berto replied for Benfitz.

Real Madrid, siv times winners of the European Cup, took a firm step towards a seventh triumph by holding Spartak Mescow to a goalless draw in the first of their ouarter-final match. The venue had been changed to temperate Tbillst, in Soviet Georgia, as Moscow, is keepingd.

cow is icebound.

The scoresheet remained blank only because many chances were squadered — and because Dasever twice brilliantly foiled Real's Spanish international striker Santillana. Daseyev, just back after having his appendix removed, was having his appendix removed, was alert to dangerous Real counter, attacks, well supported by Stielike and the tireless Juanito. For the most part, however, it was the Russians who forced the pace against a Real defence wich never faltered. The second lea will be plaved in Madrid on March 19, the points In a goalless to Cardiff.

Ostrava 2—0 before an estimated 20,000 crowd. She scorers were Janzon (47) and Breitner (90) with a penalty. Bayern found it difficult to break down the Czechoslovak defence, Janzon, apart from scoring, hit the crossbar in the sixth and forty-third minutes.

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OTHER MATCHES: Fortuna Düsseldorf 2, Benica 2: Stavia Solis 3.

OLFA Cup
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Cark

Third division

Blackpool (0) 0 Millwall (0)
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European Cup Winners' Cup

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UEFA Cup

Second division

Yesterday's results

A crowd of 80,000 saw the match.

Standard Liege drew 0—0 at home to Cologne in the Uefa Cup. The Belgian team attacked for most of the time but failed to score, partly because of their inaccurate shooting but also because of the strong German defonce, particularly the brilliant display of their goalkeeper Schumacher.

Coopne however had a few

Coogne, however, had a few dangerous counteratracks, inclu-ding a solo effort by Willmann after 25 minutes. after 25 minutes.

The game became rough shortly before half time when the Cologne players Cullmann and Wikmann were given yelow cards. Liege's 'keeper Preud' Homme bad to save dangerous shots by Woodcock and Wilmann in the second half.

Slavia Sofia gained a slender 3—2 lead against Feyenbord in the Cup Winners' Cup. Tsvettou (2) and Aliev scored for the home side with Nielsen and Vermoyled replying for Feyenbord.

Sheffield Wedoesday kept up their promotion chase in the second division when they shared the points in a goalless draw at

Cardiff.

The fourth division leaders
Southend United suffered a setback with a 2-1 defeat at Bradford City. Gallagher gave City a
twenty-third minute lead. Jackson
increased it within two minutes of
the restart, only for Gray to pull

Scottish first division

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Hamilton (0) 0 Ayr (0)

Scottish second division

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O'Keefe will fight FIFA ban

Steve Hunt. Coventry City' midfield player, was banded yes terday for two matches by an F. disciplinary commission in Bir mingham. The former Aston Vill and New York Cosmos player who had reached 22 points, was supported at the hearing by hi manager Gordon Milne, He misse games against two first division relegation struggiers, away t Brighton and Hove Aibion of Saturday and at home to Leicester City the following week Chesterfield, thard division pro-Leicester City the following week
Chesterfield, third division promotion challengers, lost their midfield player Tartt for two games when he was suspende after reaching 20 penalty points. His ban starts with the metch a home to Portsmouth on Saturday. Also banned for two matche starting on Saturday, was the Hallfay Town defender Evans, the fourth Hallfax player to be suspended during the past two weeks. Oxford United's defender Shotton, who has reached 2 points, was suspended for on game and will miss their homematch with Hull City on Saturday Everton's straker O'Keefe ha

Everton's striker O'Keefe had nowed to contest a FIFA ban that could end his career as a Republic of Ireland international. O'Keefe won his first Irish cap in their 3—1 defeat by Wales in Dublic last week, but that could turn of the his last game for he country. country.

country.

FIFA have imposed the ban be cause two years ago O'Keef-scored the winning goal for England in a semi-professional tour nament while he was playing with the Northern Premier League side. Mossley. Yesterday the FIF-spokesman. Rene Court, said "If a player has played for on international association, he can international association, he car not play for another. O'Keet played for England some time ag-and even if he has due pationality, he cannot play fo-another country."

another country."

O'Keefe, whose father was bor in Dublin, said: "I am absoluted bewildered. When I was picked for the Irish squad it did not enter mind that I would be ineligibly because I had appeared for Englan in a non-professional tournamen I am terribly disappointed. I haven Irish passport and I desperated want to play for my country again Even though we lost against Wale. I felt really at home with the Irish passport and to be a international. I haven't spoken the Irish FA yet, but I shall not eave it there. I want to fight the decision all the way."

The Queen's Park Rangers man ager, Venables has put a third of his professional playing staff y for transfer. The latest to independ the professional playing staff y for transfer. The latest to independent

for transfer. The latest to judy the list of thoses vailable—bring, ing the total to 11—are the striker. Langley, and the Englan under-21 goal-keeper. Woods.

Best has treatment

San Jose, March 3.-Georg Best has entered an alcoholic treatment centre as a voluntar patient, a spokesman for h United States team. San Jos Earthquakes, said today. Best aged 33, whose wife gave birti to a sun on February 5, is expected to undergo treatment fo a week.—Reuter.

Today's fixtures

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Tennis

Nastase and his oppponent receive fines

Denver, March 4.—A display of aggression between lile Nastase, of Romania, and Jim Delaney, of the United States, interrupted play last night in a tournament here and led to \$750 fines for both players. Nastase won the match, 6-3, 7-5. The incident began 6-3, 7-5. The incident began when Nastase ran into the courtside seats to chase down a
Delaney volley, knocked off a
cable .round the seats and tried
to replace it. Delancy asked for a
30-second time violation to be
called on Nastase.

When the umpire refused
Delaney began shouting at
Nastase and jumped over the net
on to the Remanian's side of the
court where some jostling ensued.

court where some jostling ensued. The Grand Prix supervisor, Franco Bartoni, later announced that both players had been fined

Colin Dibley, of Australia. took just 45 minutes on Tuesday to put out Jaime Fillol, of Chile, 6—1, 6—2, in another first round match. Fillol, who won another Volvo Grand Prix tournament in Mexico City on Sunday, said that he had trouble adjusting from the slow clay courts there to Denter's faster synthetic surface.

In other first-round games Terry Moor, the No 5 seed, advanced into the second round by defeating Robert Van't Hof, 6—3, 7—5. Andrew Pattison, of South Africa, had an easy task against Africa, had an easy task against an 18-year-old American, Scott Armed, had an easy task against an 18-year-old American, Scott Davis, taking the match 6—3, 6—3. DENVER: First round: C. Dibley, for the control of the cont

5—1. Maryland) WCT tour-nament Pires Tound, Savin, Amplira 1 Dec. 1 County County, Savin, 6—5 6—1 E Dibbs Savi H Soloman, 6—5 6—1 R Teacher best E. Teitscher, 6—3, 6—1.

Cross-country

US event stops Rose's defence

Nick Rose will not be returning from the United States to defend his title in the English Cross-Country Championships, sponsored by the Provincial Insurance Company, at Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead, on Saturday.

Barry Wallman, secretary of the English Cross-Country Union, said: "I understand he is now competing in the American championships on the same day. While obviously we would like to have seen him at Hampstead, we understand his position and the selectors will therefore be considering his America run."

Rugby Union



Heroic Durham assume the purple

By Peter West Rughy Correspondent Durham 6 Lought

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Durham 6 Loughborough 3
In this full-blooded contest on
the Wasps' ground at Sudbury
yesterday, Durham put their hands
on the Universities Athletic
Union's rugby title for the fourth
time with victory by a goal to a
penalty goal. From a neutral
standpoint—indeed from that of
the losers—it was a pity that the
only try of the game should have
been the result of a defensite
cerror. It was sad, also, that
Loughborough should have lost
their stand-off, Boyd, with concussion at half-time.

But there can be no doubt that
Durham were worthy winners, and
their margin would have looked
more comfortable in print if
Bevan, whose previous efforts as
a goal-kicker carried no great conviction, had not pulled a likely
penalty shot towards the finish,
Just after that, Durham's No 8,
the Yorkshireman, Ellison, who
enjoyed a splendid came, all but
managed with an inside pass to
create a try for his tight head
prop. Henderson, who had a yet
more resounding afternoon and
assuredly must be marked down
as a player to watch.

There was still scope for a
desperate rally by Loughborough
in injury-time, but there was no
way through a wall of Palatinate
purple jerseys. The defence and
total commitment of both teams

was splendid. The tackling of Durham, when danger loomed, was mustered in numbers and often verged on the heroic.

With time running out Lough-brough curiously appears to the control of With time running out Loughborough, curiously enough, chose
to kick a penalty rather than run
the ball. The full back, Barnard,
got three points surely enough
but the effort used up valuable
seconds. By the end of it all
Loughborough's hopes of an 18th
title—and their eighth in 10 years
—had been extinguished.

"Ah well", they said cheerfully afterwards, "we still haven't
lost a final at Twickenham". For
Durham, who had been runnersup to Loughborough in 1974 and
1975, it was their first success in
the final since 1969.

As a contest it did not quite

the final since 1969.

As a contest it did not quite live up to the expectations generated by an opening phase in which the flow of affairs, expertly maintained by Roger Quittenton's refereeing, and the determination of both sides to keep the momentum going, promised something special.

But it was soon evident that Durham's forwards were exerting a telling pressure at the set pieces.

Durham's forwards were exerting a telling pressure at the set pieces. The stand-off, Chesworth, came as close as could be to trading off it when hitting the crossbar with a long penalty. As it was, the score at half-time was 0.0 with a try never seriously in sight. But that had not been for want of corporate trying.

Durham got the decisive points at the start of the second period when when the red-headed Gordon, when when the red-headed Gordon, a diminutive Scottish centre who has captained his national 19-group side, charged down a clearance kick by Barnard and hocked through to score. Bevan had a simple conversion. By then the Loughborough replacement, Wardlow, had gone to a wing, Lytollishad switched flanks, and MacDonald had moved from wing to stand-off.

It was a good day all round for Durham. Their second XV won the

Durham. Their second XV won the junior UAU final, too, against the same opponents, by 6-3 after extra time. DURHAM UNIVERSITY L Balten:
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Hestord drops out Bob Hesford, the Bristol loose forward, misses England's trip to Dubin this weekend, with an injured ankle. His place on the replacements bench against Irelander.

Second round. Dewsbury 10. warring in 18.

HOCKEY: British Polytechnics Cup. Market O. Sheffield it. London League: Rawks O. Oxford University O. London's Market Polytechnic Cup. Inal: Women's Market Polytechnic Cup. Inal:

Brighten 2. Leeds 1.
NETBALL: Women's British Polytechrics Cup, final: Sheffield 36, Ulster 50.

Rugby League

Welsh grandmother helps Herdman to his cap

was born at a maternity home near Bridgend. She was christened Violet Ruby Ostler and a copy of the birth certificate recording this event was closely studied at Rugby League headquarters in Lecds yesterday.

As a result a young Fulham forward gets an international cap for Wales against England at Hull on March 18. The player is Martin Herdman, who has made a remarkable rise to international status after joining Fulham two months ago. He had had experience with Rugby Union clubs in the London area and had played amateur Rugby League before being seized on by the Craven Cottage club as a strong forward prospect. The lady who was born Violet Ruby Ostler is his Weish grandmother, and his reason for being qualified to play for Wales. He joins another Fulham player, the wing, Adrian Cambriani, who wins his second cap.

Another player who gets a sur-

Another player who gets a sur-Another player who gets a surprise international cap for similar reasons is Steve Raie, the Salford full back, and already a regular in the Welsh team is Trevor Skerrett, the Hull forward who qualifies via his grandparents. Wales have named a squad of 16 for the match at Craven Park, Hull, and the captain will once again be the Warrington threequarter, John Bevan. Among the players who drop

By Keith Macklin

On March 14, 1910, a haby girl was born at a maternity bome near Bridgend. She was christened Violet Ruby Ostler and a copy of forward, Roger Owen. There is surprise recall to internation; Rugby League for Colin Dixor who this season joined Hull King ston Rovers after taking a testi monial with Salford. The Welsi squad will meet in Hull on Marci

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17 and will train that day and the
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Wardle, was the only player sent off.

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entered him for the Gold Cup but

his entry went astray. So the Fox-hunter's Challenge Cup will be his target at Cheltenham." Whiggie

arget at Lineitenian. Wingste Geo was certainly a bargain buy at \$500 as a four-year-old. Racing in Lingfield Park today has been abandoned because the course is waterlooged. At Ludlow, Tomy Carmody and Rednael can

Tomy Carmody and Rednael candin the Forbra Challenge Gold Cup. After beating Trojan Walk easily at Catterick, Rednael fell at an early stage in Rubstic's race at Doncaster. This reasonably handicapped novice may have most to fear from Master Spy and Spartan Major.

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Also at Ludlow, Sointulia Boy should at long last find another

winning copportunity in the second

division of the Bromfield Novices

Steeplechase. Sointails Boy has twice shown the utmost gallanry in defeat—against Clayside at Sandown Park and against Stopped at Worcester, The six-year-old meets nothing of that calibre in this comparatively humble event.

Cricket

England will not find it easy to get back in the mood

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Bridgetown, March 4 It was one o'clock here this morning (5 am GMT) when Mr Henry Forde, the Foreign Minister of Barbados, Summoned Mr Peter Short, the president of the Barbados Cricket Association and the serior was referred to t the Barbados Cricket Association and the senior representative on the island of the West Indian Cricket Board, to hand him a long and carefully worded Statement which said, among other things, that in "all the circumstances... the remainder of the England cricket tour should be permitted to continue as scheduled".

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The statement amounts to a theoretical agreement with the Cricket Council's view, communicated to Guyana last week, that the inclusion of Robin Jackman in the England team does not infringe the Gleneagles Agreement of 1977, drawn up by Commonwealth heads of government.

"The Gleneagles Agreement", the statement, signed jointly by Antigua, Barbados, Jemaica and Montserrat, said, "leaves it entirely open to national sporting authorities or individual sportsmen to engage in sporting contects with South Africa." It added, however, as it was bound to do, that "it is the obligation of the governments concerned to discourage such contacts by their nationals".

Had the decision gone the other way and the tour been cancelled, no one would have felt more utterly deprived than the people of the Caribbean. Their cricketers are their greatest joy; tha same here, to quote one of this morning's Barbadian papers, is "perhaps the last unifying force in the Caribbean . . it has survived the break-up of the Federation, the fall of governments and the reversal of ideologies". To have taken away from the West Indians their "cricket, lovely cricket" would have been like denying them their sunshine. The reason why the statement like denying them their sunshine. The reason why the statement was so long in coming—it had heen expected more than 12 hours carlier—was the insistence by the Jamaican Cabinet, when they discussed it at their routine Tuesday meeting, that the wording be amended, not critically, but enough to cause further delay. It was 2 am here when Mr Alan Smith, the England manager, was woken to be told that, for the time being at any rate, the problems

had been overcome. when Mr Short telephoned Mr Donald Carr, the secretary of the Cricket Council, dawn was breaking in England. An hour or two later, Jackman himself was called

The Governments of Antigua, Barbados, Jamaica and Momserrat have consulted about the current tour of the West Indies by the English cricket team, which includes players who have played cricket in South Africa since the Gleneagles Agreement of June 1977.

Both of these agreements seek to isolate South Africa from inter-national sporting 'activities. The agreements start from the premise

received start from the premise that apartheld is an abhorrem practice and that there should be full support for the international cumpaign to eradicate it in all its forms, including its application in the field of sport.

In the pursuance of this the sarries to these accords agreed

parties to these accords agreed that there will be no official sponsorship, support or encouragement of sporting contacts with South Africa. The governments

committed themselves to do every-thing practicable to discourage their nationals from contact or competition with sporting organ-

Hockey

being at any rate, the problems

well. Once it was known that the statement, so far as the current tour is concerned, was unconditional, the favourable reaction of the West Indian Cricker Board and the Cricker Council and produce. the West Indian Cricket Board and the Cricket Council was predictable. Jackman said later, in a prepared statement, how grateful he was to his colleagues, his family and especially to the England manager for their help and support through a difficult time.

So the four goes on. There will be a one-day match against Barbados in Bridgetown tomerrow and a four-day match, also against Barbados, starting on Saturday.

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and a four-day match, also against Barbadot, starting on Saturday followed by the next Text match on Friday week. After the humiliations the England side have seffered, they are not going to find it easy to get into the mood. In the seven weeks since their arrival in the West Indies they have had pathetically little cricket (Gatting, one of the most promising batteries, has had only one first-classimings, although he had always been fit) and there are now only just over six weeks left not in which to pick up the threads, because there are none, but to find some form.

Demonstrations are to be expec-

Demonstrations are to be expected, and it will be surprising if the visit to Jamaica passes off without opponents of the new government trying to make capital out of the presence in the England side of those with South African connections. It was from a Jamaican source that Jackman's background was first brought to Guyena's notice. The leaders of the 30,000-strong Barbados Workers Union, who called for the tour to be abandoned, are unlikely to take kindly to its continuation, though, cricket being a special case, they have no widespread support.

Last night's decision is, of

Last night's decision is of course, far from being the end of the debate. The statement pressed for a clarification of the threeparty principle which "deals with" the question of sanctions against the nationals of other countries who engage, on an individual basis, in sporting activities in South Africa. This is an issue further complicated by the law as it relates to "restraint of trade". There are between 20 and 33 English county cricketers currently coaching and playing in South
Africa—many of them spending
much of their time with non-white
children. England must never be
expected to tell them that if they continue to do so they will exclude themselves from Test selection. It is as well, because of the breathing space it allows, that West Indies are not due in England again until 1984; England's next visit to the West Indies has

Statement of Caribbean governments

the Governments of Antigua, Barbados, Jamaica and Monsserrat fully support the principles and objectives set out. The point of contention in the case of the tour of the England cricket team is whether sanctions should be invoked against those members of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Gleneagles Agreement.

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other countries who engage, on an individual basis, in sporting activities in South Africa. This particular aspect of the matter, referred to as the "Third party principle", has been found to be one of great committee of the United Nations has been debating this metter for two years without resolution so far. The present case, raising as it does the third party principle, must therefore be treated on its own merics.

In view of this, and after the mort careful and searching consideration, and having regard to all the circumstances involved, the governments have jointly concluded that the remainder of the cricket tour should be perfectly the service of the cricket tour should be perfectly as the service of the cricket

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yet to be scheduled. The next Commonwealth Heads of Govern-ment Conference (it was on the corresponding occasion in 1977 that the Gleneagles Agreement was signed) is in Melbourne in the arrumn.

Attending the brief meeting of the emergency executive committee of the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's this morning, at which they welcomed the West Indian decision that the tour should "proceed as planned", were Mr Charles Palmer (chairman of the Cricket Council), Mr George Mann (chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board), Mr Donald Carr, Mr Douglas Insole, Mr G. O. "Gubby "Allen (a trustee of McCl), Mr John Overy (representing the National Cricket Association) and Mr Peter Lush (assistant accretary of the TCCB with special responsibility for public relations).

Mr Carr and Mr Lush are both expected in Barbadox next week by when Mr Alec Bedser, chairman of the seliction committee which chose the England party and opted for Jackman as Willis's replacement, will also be here. Before choosing the present side the TCCB were assured by the West Indian Cricket Board that the presence in the party of Englishmen who have played in South Africa would be "no sumbling block"—a nice case of wishful thinking.

As a prelude to getting back to business it was announced this morning that Bill Athey would be Attending the brief meeting of

As a prelude to getting back to business it was amounted this morning that Bill Athey would be junning the party on Friday as a replacement for Brian Rose. With only a possible six matches left (excluding tomorrow's bun-fight) I would have settled for the present strength, fearing that an extra batsman might be more of an embarrassment than a bonus. Athey has been playing with some success for Balmain, the Sydney club with which Gatting made such a name for himself, as captain and all-rounder, last winter. A contender for Rose's place was Bob Woolmer, now coaching and playing in South Africa. The commotion, had he been chosen, can well be imagined.

South African tour: A group of Australian critegiers: including

to engage in sporting contacts with South Africa.

We wish to emphasise that it is the obligation of the governments under the agreement to discourage such contact by their nationals, and we expect national sporting authorities and individual sporti-men to lend their support.

The Governments also firmly be-

can well be imagined.

South African tour: A group of Australian cricketers, including three former Test players, is plauning a three-week tour of South Africa next month against the wishes of the Australian Goveroment. Agence France-Presse reports from Canberra. The Government and the Australian Cricket Board appear to be powerless to stop the tour, which is being organized privately, although the board are also known to disapprove of it. The party will play nine one-day matches, will play nine one-day matches mainly against club sides.

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South Africa.

It hardly needs restating that the Governments of Antigua,
Earbados, Jamaica and Montser
The continuation of the tour must not be interpreted to mean that the Gleneagies Agreement leaves to the Gleneagies Agreement leaves to the Gleneagies Agreement sporting authorities or individual sportsmen

narrowed to Jean-Christophe Simond (France), David Santee (United States), Brian Pockar (Canada), Scott Hamilton (United States) and Igo Bobrin (Soviet Union). They finished in that order in the figures, which means, as an example, that Bobrin needs to surpass Simond by three places

Deborah Courill, the British figure skaping champion in all but name, confirmed her reputation as an exponent of school figures as the long second morning of the world championships dragged on here in Connecticut. With the three figures completed, she lay second to Claudia Kristofics-Binder (Austria) with Kristiaa Wegelius (Finland) third. This is very much a repetition of her experience in month.

Karen Wood (Decside), who best Miss Contrill (Solihull) to the British title in December in strange tircumstances, was 13th after the first two figures, much in tune with her performance in Europe, She has however arrived on the scene so late at the age of 18, that this is her first appearance and due allowance must be made.

also provided two winners for the Suansea-based jockey John Williams.

Lanka, trained by Price, had to survive a bad blunder at the final fence before galloping home 25 lengths clear of The Baker to win the Fort Royal Handicap Steeple-chase. Price said, "He lost his concembation at the last fence, and has a tendency to do that". Apart from that one mistake, Lanka wat never in danger, always jumping better than his rivals. David Burchell trains his only horse, Welmari, two miles from Prion at Ebhw Vale, Taking over the lead at the third flight, Walmadi, although driven in the straight, stayed on well to win by sin lengths in the Wychbold Selling Handicap Hurdie, Burchell combines training Walmari with farming, and has 300 sheep on the Welso hillsides.

Charles Fenwick, the American amateur rider, who paditnered Ben Nevis to victory in last year's Grand National, had his first ride in England since that race when partnering Medox in the Mark Five Amateur Riders Handicap Steeplechase. Although only seventh to Talon, Fenwick was enthusiastic about his return saying: "Ir's great to be back, and I would like a ride in this year's National, but it will have to be a good one." made.

And what a difference a year makes! At the World Championships last hiarch, Susan Garland and Robert Daw were lath and loth respectively and their marks for the short programme at Dortmund ranged from 4.5 to 4.9, Last night their improvement brought 5.0 from all nine Judges. Even 50, many spectators felt that they were undermarked as they went through all the required elements with sureness of touch and maturity of technique. They were eighth last night, compared with 13th a year ago, so that the hopes we have held out for them these last few years are coming nicely

2.0 (2.1) FERRY HURDLE (DIV I: Bovices: \$690; 2m) KUDU KING, b g by Farry Glen-Alla Capita 17. Hodgina; 3-10-4 . Mr J. Cambidge (9-2) Man in the Middle C. Brown (11-2) Nimble Dave Mr M. Low (4-1far) TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 18p. 23p, 14p. Duni F: £3.18. CSF: £2.78. B. Cambridge of Shimal, Sl. 11. Monagor of Peace (30-1) 4th, 20 run. NR: Tom's Texts. 2.50 (2.51) SIDBURY CHASE (Randi-cap: £1.019: 2m) Durhan Town, b 9 by Bivolic-Liza Goblin (M. Hausiques 12-11-6 12-11-6 Mr A. J. Wilson (6-4) 1 fudend .. P. Scotlanders (6-4 fay) 2 Tenedale .. Mr G. Kennard (10-1) 3

Worcester

Ludlow programme

1.45 BROMFIELD CHASE (Div I: 6-y-o novices: £640: 2m)

2.15 BORDER HURDLE (Selling handicap: £403:

3.15 STOKESAY STAYERS' HURDLE (Handicap: £1,139: 3m 1f 180yd)

11 0000 Grand Rose (CD, B), M. Stephens, 9-10-13

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Defty approach work by Cheam pays dividends

In considering the matter the is whicher sunctions should be representatives of the governments concerned have been guided not only by that agreement, which was drawn up by Commonwealth ment. Heads of government, but also by the United Nations declaration against apartheid in sports adopted the committee who elegage, on an arrival of the England cricket team is whicher sunctions should be invoked against those members of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement, between the united National South Proposition of the England cricket team is whicher sunctions should be invoked against those members of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement, between the sunctions about the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement, between the sunctions and the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement. The agreement, bowever, does not deal with the question of sunctions against those members of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement. The agreement against the case of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement. The agreement against the case of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement. The agreement agreement against the case of the team who play cricket in South Africa after the Glencagles Agreement.

By Sidney Friskin
London University 6 Cheam 2
Two goals late in the first half
weresu fficient for Cheam to take
full points off London University
in this London League match at
Motspur Park yesterday. It was
only Chears's Sourch win 12 20 Motspur Park yesterday. It was only Cheam's fourth win in 20 matches, three of which they have drawn.

A lot of good hockey was played by two teams at the bottom of the table in a match which by mutual consent, started at 4.15 pm instead of 2.45. By the time London had forced their 11th short corent it was difficult to see the ball to see the ball Despite London's inability to score, their main weakness throughout the season, they took charge of the first 15 minutes of the game. Cheam, a little unsettled, were held together by Parsons at the back but, despite their less treaught excursions.

short corner. A couple of minutes before the interval, Debling followed up to score after Hancox in the London goal had saved from Booth. It took London a long time to realize how useful Tapner was on the left wing. On two occasions he beat almost the whole defence on his own but could not finish the work he had begun. London put more effort into their attacks during the last 10 minutes and came close to a score, the Cheam goalkeeper saving on both occasions. In the end, it was the London citadel that nearly fell again, Hancox saving well from Defty at close range.

In the first few minutes of the game Haigh and Eggleton deputised for Hitchin and Staunton who were late arrivals for Cheam. London University: L. Hancox (imperial college): D. Dodds (London Hospital). A. Isbister (Charina Cross Hospital). A. Isbister (Charina Cross Hospital). B. Reynolds (University Collego): D. Tipper (Goldgenith'). C. Takle (Queen Elizabeth College. R. Elsion King's College Hospital). R. Tapner (King's College Hospital). R. Tapner (King's College Hospital). R. Tapner (King's College County). A. Hitchin. G. Lee. P. County R. Cauthon. A. Booth. N. Define. R. Cauthon. A. Booth. S. Apurple their less frequent excursions, their less frequent excursions, looked more daugerous in attack. Much of Cheam's approach work was done by Defty, the centre forward, who combined well with Booth. But it was Lee, the centre half, who set up the chance for the first goal in the 28th minute. Booth following up to score on the rebound, from a

Leeds err to give Brighton winning goal in final

By Joyce Whitehead Brighton Poly 2 Leeds Poly 1 All the goals came in the second half in the final of the British Polytechnics Championship yester-Polytechnics Championship yester-day when Brighton Polytechnic beat Leeds Polytechnic at Lille-shall National Recreation Centre. Brighton Polytechnic, represented by Chelsea College of Physical Education from Eastbourne, were playing in the championship for the first time. Leeds reached the final rwo years and. final two years ago.

The match had a slow, careful start and both teams seemed afraid of the artificial surface, which was new to them. Brighton occasionally worked some intricate moves whereas Leeds looked more determined but could not keep possession. Neither side used the whole of the pirch.

Jo Seidelin, the Leeds left wing,
was starved of the ball for much of the game. Julie Oldbury, the Brighton right wing and captain, playing a good seven yards inside the pitch, had several long runs but preferred to pass rather than

shoot and there were few cross passes of any substance.

Pive minutes after half time Sandy Lister scored a good goal direct from a corner to give Brighton the lead and give a spark to the game. Caroline Fletcher Beverly Reld shot from a hand stopped corner, the Brighton goal-keeper was out of position and Mandy Franks stopped the ball on the goalline. However, Miss on the goldine. However, was perfectly seized on the clearance and the ball flashed into the back of the ner. Play by then was a little less inhibited and an error by three Leeds players enabled Pat Hoyle to score the winning goal. The men's final was won by Shef-field who best Wales Polytechnic field who beat water so, seeming 3-0.

BRIGHTON POLYTECHNIC: I. Miliard. S. Goodwin, S. Hill. M. Franks.

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Boxing

By Srikumar Sen

Jones must have right on his side against Laing

By Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent

If Colin Jones's right hand is not back to its old winiplash form for the Weishman's defence of his Eritish and Commonwealth titles against Kirkland Laing, of Notingham, at the end of April, all the European and world title dreams of Eddie Thomas, Jones's manager, could vanish.

The fact that on Tuesday night at the Wembley Conference Centre Jones gave his injured right hand the day off and collared Mark Harris, of Gryam five times with the left before finally cardshing him for good and all in the minth, does not mean it will be the same against the stylish and clever Laing.

Against Laing, Jones will need the matter was reported to Mid and college.

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to sit down and watch a video of the BBC film of Jones's bout with Harris. If there is nothing wrong with the Welshman's hand, as he keeps insisting there is not, Mr Lawless and Laing will know only

clever Laing.

Against Laing, Jones will need his right to cut off the slippery Nottingham boxer's escape route. Cambridge captain. Neil Ashford If the Welsh double champion is in the kind of reticent mood he was in on Tuesday night, Laing will pick him off with his quick. Iong reach. Last April Fools Day little but that the suspension had been long reach. Last April Fools Day little but that they had been when they mer Laing was so far ahead by the ninth that the bout could easily have been stopped in his favour, instead of the other way round, if the contest had been a 10 rounder.

Terry Lawless, Laing's manager. Thinks he has found Jones's weakness and he and Laing are going to be tightening up on medical cards."

Racing

Irish mare is a 24-hour wonder

Cup hope was on terms until the third fence from home and lost second place to Luskn on the run home. For a horse who stays so well it was no disgrace to be bezten so easily by Anaglogs Daughter over two and a half miles, Jack of Trumps is now joint favourite with Silver Buck with most of the leading firms of bookmakers for the Gold Cup.

Jack of Trumps lost little in Timeform Steeplechase, defeat. Edward O'Grady's Gold assued a definite was Cup hope was on terms until the Night nurse would miss

assued a definite warning that Night nurse would miss the three

mile handicap if the going were to be heavy. "I could not advise anyone to back Night Nurse at this singe", the champion trainer said. There will be an inspection at Haydock Park at midday today to

see if there is any chance of rac-ing tomorrow.

Three odd-on favourites were bearen at Wetherby yesterday, the most surprising defeat occurring when Bassmimoor floored the odds.

of 9-4 layed on Path of Peace in the Cowthorpe Novices' Hurdle, One of yesterday's winners who

By Michael Seely

Anaglors Daughter showed herself to be on target for an ambitious double at Cheitenham when delving top weight in the Fourock Cup at Leopardstown in Ireland yesterday. After making ever yard of the running, the brilliant mare was clear over the last three fences and won unchallenged by eight lengths from Luska with Jack Of Trumps two lengts away third.

Bill Durkan Anaglogs Daughter's trainer, said that his more would now go for the B0,000 Queen Mother Steeplethase rim over two miles on the Wednesday of the National Hunt Festival and then 24 hours later for the Cheitenbam Gold Cup. The Michael O'Brien-trained Old Society was made favourite at 7-4 but felt. In where of the force the

The Michael Uniter-trained that Society was made favourite at 7-4 but fell. In view of the fact that Anaglogs Daughter is unlikely to stay three and a quarter miles she is still quoted at 20-1 for the Gold Cup with the sponsors, the Tote. However she nw looks to be unbeatable in the two mile championship,

A rare bit of

from Welsh

Bill Price and David Birthell, two neighbouring Weish permit holders, had plenty to celebrate at Worcester yesterday when they landed a "double" fdom a total of three horses in training. They also provided two winners for the Swansea-based jockey John Williams.

wizardry

Innsbrick also carries the memory of a fall from grace, both literally and metaphorically, in the free skaring that left her finally sixth. She is capable of better things here. Her true form would carry her clear of Miss Kristofics-Binder. But too many outstanding free skaters lie in wait to hold out anything but the remostest chance of a medal. A substructal improvement on her ninth plate in the world last year, however, does not carry us into the realm of fantasy.

Ice skating

in second

place after

the figures

From John Hennessy

Hartford, March 4

Miss Cottrill

last few years are coming nicely to the boil.

to the boil.

The newly installed European pairs champions, Irina Vorobieva and Igor Lisovski (Soviet Union) won the short programme by such a clear margin that their victory here now seems a foregone conclusion. he world champions, Martina Chericasova and Sergel Shakhrai, also of the Soviet Union, suffered a further setback after their disappointment at Innsbruck. They were beaten into third place by Sattine Bass and Tassilo Thierbach, the leading East German pair here only because an injury has kept Manuela Mager and Uwe Bewersdorf at home.

The men's figures identified the

dorf at home.

The men's figures identified the swons and the geese. Brian Orser, the Canadian champion, is but of the running, since he acquired 5.4 points for ninth place. Thus his spectacular demonstration of the triple axel in the free straing will almost certainly count for nothing. Robert Wagenhoffer (US), similarly, is so far behind that he can attempt the first quadruple jump in the history of the sport without fear of damaging his prospects any further.

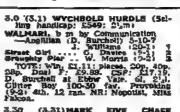
The field now seems to have TOTE: Win, 21p; Duni F: 17p. CSF: 33p. Mr Hearings at Cirantaster. 25l. 1d. Think Big (10-1) 4th. 5 ran:

lieve that there is a clear need for the forthcoming Commonwealth books of government meeting to for the formcoming Commonwealth heads of government meeting to readirm adherence to the principles of the Glenezeles Agreement and to examine the menner of its implementation up to the present. To this end the governments will consult as early as possible with their colleagues in the Carribbean community and the wider Commonwealth to ensure that effective coordination will take blace with a view to take place with a view to strengthening the international campaign against apartheid. "The four governments referate their determination to pursue the common objectives of isolating the racist regime in South Africa and destroying the subuman practice of spartheid.

Monica Dickinson, the mother of the trainer. Michael, reported at Wetherby yesterday that Silver Buck worked in fine style with Wayward Lad at Harewood Jesterday morning. Mrs Dickinson also said that Silver Buck was unlikely to run in the Sean Graham Steeplechase at Hereford on Saturday and that he would be more likely to have a workour on Catterick Bridge racecourse kext Wednesday.

Both Dickinson and Peter Easterby are undecided about their One of yesterday's winners who is definitely bound for the National Hunt Festival is Whiggle Geo. Ridden by Nigel Tutty, Whagie Geo just got the better of a close finish with The Drunken Duck, Cheeklo Ora, the third, There was a sporting flavour to this victory as the winner's trainer, Ibert Sanderson was crippled eight years ago after a fall in a point-to-point. "My vises Whiggie Geo's preparation." the Cleveland farmer said. "I Easterby are undecided about their plans for Haydock Park's two big taces on Saturday, the Greenal Whitley Breweries Trophy and the

Tails he wins: Kudu King heads over the last flight to win the Ferry Novices Hurdle at Worcester.



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4.0 (4.1) FORT ROYAL . (Handicap: £1,400: 21am) (Handicap: £1,400: 2°,m)
LANKA, ch g. by Indian OrderProud Light (W. Price), 9-10-3
J. Williams (11-10 fay) 1
The Baker ... W. Morrie (9-2) 2
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TOTE: Win, 17p: places, 10m, 15p, 3cp, Dual F: 35p. CSf 52p. W. Price, at Ebbre Valo, 35j. 21. Reasonable Choice (25-1) 4th, 8 ran, NR: Dawn Fox. 4.30 (4.34) FERRY HURDLE (DIV II hovings: £690; 2m)

Capular Clove Mr P. Wobber (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 370: places 170, 220, 109, 100: Win, 370: places 170, 220, 109, 100: Win, 370: places 170, 220, 210, Dual F: 570, CSF: 82,33. at Wallington 23, 13, 13, 130: Meyer Rock (50-1 4th.) 17 ran. NR: Morrar Prince Milhorna. Quite Lucky. Placeton: £6.80.

4.15 ALDON CHASE (Handicap: £1,113: 21m)

Cheltenham's 150 years commemorated By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent To mark their 150th anniversary this year the Cheltenham Steeple

this year the Cheitenham Steeple-chase Company have just produced a 64-page commemorative brochure which should make many friends during the forthcoming National Hunt Festival in a formight's time. Priced at only £1, the brochure is the idea of Edward Gillesple, who is now the course manager and both he and his board have every reason to feel pleased with his work. his work.

The brochure traces the history

of racing at Prestbury Park, which is Chekenham's home and includes is Chekeniam's home and includes many photographs previously unpublished. The numerous contributors include Lord Oaksey, Terry Biddlecombe, Richard Pitman and Peter O'Sullevan. They have contrived to paint an excellent picture of the course's vivid contribution to National Burn racing in this country.

Later this year Cheltenham will stage two races to mark this milestone. Both will be run on November 13 and both, the steeplechase and the hurdle, will have £5,000 added to the sweepstakes as well as a commemorative trophy or the winning owner. In addition to the prize money the company will present a memento of the occasion to the owner, trainer end rider of every runner in both races.

As far as this year's National Hunt Festival is concerned, the usual contingency plans will come into force if bad weather disruph the meeting. As if our unpredictable climate is not enough to contend with. Cheltenham have also had a battle on their hands with those who forge tickets. Last year one cuiplit was arrested by the police with fake badges worth £6,000 still in his possession so heaven alone knows what he had already got rid of.

This year the company have taken measures which somewhat inderestandably they are not prepared to disclose to prevent a repetition. However, Miles Gosling, their chairman, did say yesterday that anyone who bought a badge for any one of the three days before February 23, can be certain that they are now in possession of a dud, Later this year Cheltenham will

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Motor rallying

Mikkola leads

Estorii, March 4.—The seventh Portuguese Port Wine Rally, a punishing four-day event, saw three of the 106 starters drop out in the first two heats today. Yves Louber (France) was pushed out by a mechanical fault in his Ford Escort, while two Portuguese drivers also succumbed.

The four-stage competition has Escort, while two Portugatese drivers also succumbed.

The four-stage competition has a 10tal of 46 heats in Portugal. The Finn, Markku Allem, also ran into trouble early on, limping on with his damaged Flat abarth 131 after leaving the road in the Sinua hills. His countrymad, Hannu Mikkola, in an Audi Quattro, was performing at his best. Mikkola, the 1979 winner, led the way after four heats. Official Standards (Financial interficial Standards) four heats. Official Standards (Financial interficial Standards) four heats. Official Standards (Financial interficial i

Logan is not deceived by speed of the greens

Vale do Lobo, March 4

On what appeared to be the perfect golfing day, Garry Logan of Seahouses was one among only a handful of professionals to post an improved second round in the an improved second round in the 54 hole Longshot pro-am. Logan, who has won two of these pro-ams in a row and three since the turn of the year, added a four nader par 57 to his opening 59 to take a one-shot lead over Scotland's Jim Farmer.

What deceived almost everyone was the speed of the greens. Bryon Hutchinson, who had opened with a 56, had no fewer than five three putts in today's than five three putts in today's 75, and Christy O'County was sufficiently unnerved by the slippery surfaces to drop four

shots to par over the first nine Logan looked to be in trouble Logan looked to be in trouble when he followed a three putt on the month green with a drive into the utes on to the 10th but his short game over the closing holes was nothing short of remarkable. His long game, he feels, is suffering from the fact that Mick Maull, the caddie who was with him throughout his winning streak in lanuary and February. has re-

January and February, has re-turned to Britain after a debilita turnen to Ethan after 2 neputition of 50 of food poisoning.
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For the record Golf

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fined.

It was a different Higgins, though, in his second match against Fred Davis. In only four and a half minutes he made a 93 clearance in the first frame and a 98 in just six and a half minutes to win the second. He went on to complete a 3—0 victory. The winner of the four-man round robin grup will go through to

Indian sign over Higgins after defeat by Taylor Dennis Taylor repeated his Irish tomorrow's nine-frame semi-final

Alex Higgins 3-0 in the first match in group three of the Yamaha Organs Trophy at Derby Assembly Rooms yesterday. Taylor complled breaks of 32, 31 and 33 in winning the first frames and had a 69 clearance to win the second. He completed his whitewash with a 48-43 victory in the

Championship victory when he beat round. Kirk Stevens, the Canadian, literally sprinted into the semi-finals on Tuesday might. Stevens miscalculated the starting time of his final group two match, against the feet of the starting time of the feet of t the former world champion Terry the former world champione Terry Griffiths, and had to be summoned from his hotel room by telephone. He ran the half mile from the hotel but showed no signs of this effort by making clearances of 63 and 40 on the way to a 3—0 victory. CROUP THREE; D. Tatlor i Discretura best A. Nigolas (Bafast) 3-0 (105-21. 97-15. 48-43): Miguas best F. Dats (Sinurary) 58-27, 74-37; K. Edmonts (Cicultures) best Data (72-35).

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By Patricia Tisdall

Management Correspondent

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-

tary of State for the Environ-ment, is to discuss government

purchasing policies with local authorities shortly as part of a campaign to help industry. This and other commitments were outlined by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry,

in a progress report given to the National Economic Develop-

ment Council yesterday. Sir Keith promised that his own department would develop

exchange markets yesterday. The pound, which followed

Tuesday's upward trend against the dollar during the morning, fell back in afternoon trading

to close 75 points down at

The pound lost rather more ground against other leading currencies, with its effective

exchange rate index falling 0.8

The pound's movements largely mirrored those of the dollar. The United States cur-

rency was sharply weaker yes

erday morning reflecting ower Eurodollar interest rates

These apparently were influenced by remarks by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, on the sluggish state of the American

But the afternoon decision

by the German federal bank

to keep open its special 12 per cent Lombard facility, under which it supplies funds to the conmercial banking system, prompted a late fall in the

Deutsche mark, against which the dollar is chiefly measured.

After falling 4 pfennigs against the mark at one stage, the dollar ended London trading down 21 pfennigs at DMZ1355.

Gold closed at its lowest level since December, 1979, dropping

to exploit British scientific and technical discovery and build up its competitive position by importing good developments

through licences or otherwise

as well as from its own re-search and development." Eiotechnology is used in a

variety of forms to create, under controlled conditions,

The Government has also recognized the need for co-ordinating the activities of its

foodstuffs and medicines.

reflecting

How industry pays over the odds for energy, page 25

Stock markets FT Ind 500, up 3.8 FT Gilts 68.66, down 0.18

Sterling \$2,1985, down 75 pts

Index 98.7, down 0.8

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- \$464.50, down \$8
- Money 3 mth sterling 123-125 3 mth Euro \$16,4-16,5 6 mth Euro \$ 161-16;

INBRIDE

Hopes rise of new agreement on cocoa

The chances of a new inter-The Chances of a new liner-national cocoa agreement com-ing into effect rose after what delegates to a London meeting of the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) described as a "conciliatory statement" as a "conciliatory by the Ivory Coast.

Delegates agreed to adjourn the meeting until April 6, so nvoiding a decision on what to do with the \$220m (£100m) buffer fund which has technically been in liquidation since the expiry of the old cocoa agreement in March 1980. Informal discussions will be

held on the rule for operating the buffer stock, should the agreement reached in Geneva last November come into opera-

The main area of discussion is likely to be the minimum buffer stock intervention price of 110 cents a pound. The Ivory Coast, the world's biggest cocoa producer and exporter, has argued that the floor price is too low. Without the Ivory Coast's participation it is difficult to ratify the agree-

Worker participation

A big increase in attempts by employers to consult with their workforces is revealed in a British Institute of Management survey. About 90 per cent of companies employing 1,000 or more had some form of participation scheme.

Writ for British Steel

British Steel Corporation bas steel unions which seeks to prevent it from implementing the MacGregor "survival" propo-sals for the Velindre timplate

Steel protest, page 24

NEB 1,500 pc profit The National Enterprise Board has sold its 30 per cent shareholding in Automation and Technical Services (Holdings) to Innotech Investments, new investment company, for 1806,250. This represents a retord percentage profit for an NEB disposal of 1,512.5 per cent, based on the April 1978 investment of £50,000.

Lonrho's Fraser bid

Lonrho's £158m takeover bid for the House of Fraser stores group was approved by a majority of Lonrho shareholders yesterday. Lonrho was bidding 150p a share, but if the Mono-polies Commission allows. It will be free to come back with a new offer.

BNOC Dubai venture

The British National Oil Corporation will take an equity share in an oil concession in Dubai Emirate of the United Arab Emirates held by Atlantic Richfield's Arco Dubai sub-sidiary, The Gulf News news-paper said.

Wall Street higher

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 971.44, up 5.42 on Wall Street yesterday. The \$=SDR exchange rate was 1.22609 while the f=SDR rate was 0.553540.

Burnett H'shire 45p to 988p

7p to 175p 10p to 303p 10p to 195p

Rises

Diploma Eurotherm Int Moss Bros

BL to cut 24,000 more jobs in next two years, MPs are told

jobs in the next two years before the company is back on the road to recovery. Six Michael Edwardes, the chairman, told a Commons select committee yesterday.

He said that the state owned company's United Kingdom labour force, now down to about 120,000, had failen by an aver-age of 1,000 a month since he took over in 1977 "and will go on dropping until it reaches an

Sir Michael's manpower forecasts are certain to cause considerable disquiet and widespread apposition among trade union leaders, particularly us the Government has just agreed to provide a further 1990m of state funds to finance the company's development and re-organization plans for the next two years.

At the end of this month, BL is expected to announce results for 1980 showing losses of about \$400m compared with \$122m in

Sir Michael said that after Sir Michael said that after 1982 the company would begin to recruit workers again. A 10 per cent increase in productivity was envisaged this year and next and further gains would be made in 1983 as the volume of vehicle production rose with the introduction of new models.

But he wave warning that

But he wave warning that employment at BL would never reach the sort of levels we had before within the next 10 years".
By the end of 1982 be ex-

pected the company, which has a worldwide labour force of 140,000, to be employing just over 100,000 and keeping in work an additional 200,000 in

component supply companies.

Sir Michael said he had been "astonished" at the way manning levels throughout BL had been reduced without a single

EL will cut about 24,000 more 57,000 hobs had been lost. In the next two years the car husiness along fixed costs hip d been cut by £150m a year between June last year and 1981 ak.d capacity reduced by 300,000 to 400,000 units a year.

He hraised BL workers for their big "contribution to the future" by negotiating wage increames of less than 10 percent for three years running. During the terms of the last two gavernments the company had bild "extremely modest" wage isenlements for all employees. BL's present four year plan, supported by the Government, forsees the need for a further \$150 million injection of tapital in 1983/84 (bringing the 2 otal to \$1,140m) by which time the company should be breaking even and on the way to recovery. Sir Michael Said.

Sir Michael, giving evidence

Sir' Michael, giving evidence to the Commons Industry and Trade Committee, said that the bulk of the company's recent problems had been caused by the high external value of the

the high external value of the pound.

If exchange rate and inflation assure ptions that were made for the 1980 corporate plan had pertained — and the National Emer prise Board, which owns the hadjority of BL shares, had found them "conservative and pessimistic" — BLs profits would have been \$1,700m higher. "And the £1,140m would not have been needed at alf."

at alit."

The impact of exchange rates had been tranmatic. The 1976 Ryder plan had envisaged injections of public funds totalling \$1,000m and that \$1,400m would be traised by BL internally. In the levent, Sir Michael said, the company raised nothing and the bulk of internally generated funds went into exchange rates."

The £990m injection was the

in nervous mini mum required in the next two years and the extra \$150m was "very small beer". trading Linwood closure 'unlikely Leading currencies see-sawed on nervous and volatile foreign

By John Huxley

Peugeot's closure of the Talbot car plant at Linwood, Renfrewshire, is unlikely to influence Nissan in its choice of
a sire in the United Kingdom

The same 1500m plant to make the committee that,
tal en over a long period, evidence suggested that regional for a new £300m plant to pro-duce Datsun cars, MPs were told vesterday.

Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry, said there was nothing contradictory in the decision of one company to plan investment in the British motor industry while another was cutting back. He added that there was no reason why Scotland should not received. provide a suitable site for

Nissan.
"The weakness for Linwood was probably that it represen-ted a split of activity at a time when, for the British motor industry, it would have been better to have had concentration."

By contrast, Nissan will be coming in to build a single new plant. Sir Peter said that Linwood's investment incentives were crucial in attracting companies such as Nissan. He was giving evidence to the Commons Committee of Public Accounts on the effectiveness of the Covernment's regional of the Government's regional

Earlier Sir Peter accepted that research to determine the overall benefits of the policies

The private sector has a sub-stantial responsibility in the ex-ploitation of biotechnology, according to a government White Paper published yester-

Covernment policy outlined

in the paper comes in response

to a report last March by the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD), the Advisory Board

for Research Councils and the

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policy had made a "substantial countribution" to the economies the areas involved. But he ded that in assessing the net benefits it was difficult because of a lack of regional data to distinguish whether improvent ents were due to specific regional or general national

licles. "The evidence available sugguests that regional policy is elfective in influencing the direction rather than the level

of investment.

"We are not just sirting back and saying, "it is all to difficult, we cannot measure the effectiveness of the money we are spending." We want to make sure as much as the committee does that we are getting value for money." for money.

But he gave a warning against But he gave a warning and making changes in the framework of regional policy. "I have found that the single feature to which industry attaches importance is that it knows where it stands."

He expected the present pregime to be maintained schrough the life of this Parlia-

Horizon plans, page 24 by \$11.50 to \$464.50 an ounce.

The study group on bistech-nology was chaired by Dr Alfred Spinks, formerly director of research at ICI.

The paper praises the work

on biorechnology which has already been conducted by a number of British companies

including Glazo, Beecham, ICI,

Rank Hovis McDongall and

But the paper emphasizes that in future: "The Govern-

Call for biotechnology backing

contacts with at least 80 leading companies in the next few months to discuss impediments to government contract tenderfor instance by engaging in meaninaful dialogues with sup-pliers and by setting specifica-tions which take account of The Advisory Council for Research and Development re-commended a shift in the baling. In particular, he hoped that public purchasing officers, including those in nationalized industries, would make more use of British Standards when ance of research and developother markets. "I am pleased that the supply council for the National Health Service has now been established. This should do much to improve procurement practices in this area." men carried out by purchasers towards that carried out by their suppliers. Sir Keith said that the Government would re-spond positively to the council's drawing up specifications. Department of Industry offirecommendations. Pound slips

clearing banks

Giro service joins

By Roman Eisenstein Banking : Correspondent

Mr Heseltine to open talks with

cials also are to carry on talks with individual National Econo-

mic Development Office (NEDO) sector working parties and with trade associations.

Plans include a combined Department of Industry, Institute of Purchasing and Supply and NEDO seminar for senior public sector purchasing officers. The public sector is to be encouraged to rely more on its suppliers' research and development efforts or to contract out more of its research requirements to the private sector.

councils on purchasing policies

National Girobank, the banking arm of the Post Office, is becoming the tenth member of the London Bankers' Clearing House, the system through which banks transfer cheques among themselves. Mr Samuel Wainwright, Girobank's managing director, said yesterday that ir would take two years fo rihe

membership to become fully operational. Girobank is now setting up a central clearing department and will also open a clearing branch at its offices in the City. This will involve the setting up of the necessary data processing and administrative

The next step will be for Girobank to join the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services and offer its business customers direct access to the service. This will enable customers to transfer payments directly through a data-process-

ing operation.

Girobank is already a member of the payment and wages working group formed by high street banks to encourage com-

panies to pay through direct credit accounts at banking instinctions. It also aims event-ually to change the present weekly wage payments to a monthly basis. Girobank officials believe that

"I am encouraged by in-dustrialists who have told me recently that they had seen distinct changes in practice among individual purchasers, for interpret by energing in

Trade unionists, industrialists, and members of the Government around the table at yesterday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council. In the foreground are (from left) Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry; Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Mr Geoffrey Chandler, director-general of the National Economic Development Office; and Sir Peter Parker, British Rail chairman.

The pregress report was the Continued from page 1

the entry into the clearing system is a further move system is a further move towards the provision of full banking services to customers. its facilities and now provides most of the day-to-day banking services personal customers need, including loans of up to £3,000.

The Post Office launched its over the period it has grown significantly. The system now exchanges 100 million cheques

exchanges 100 million cheques with other banks and it is the growth of the business that has prompted the membership of the clearing house system.

At present Girobank is clearing its cheques through its centre in Bootle where they are sorted out and accounts are credited or debired and settlement is executable made with ment is eventually made with other banks through an account at the Bank of England.

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Norton Warburg offshoot agrees to assets freeze

By Our Financial Staff Norton Warburg Investment Management, part of the Norton

Warburg Group which announced it was going into liquidation two weeks ago, agreed to a temporary injunction freezing all its United Kingdom assets in the High Court yesterday. in the high court yesterday.

The company, which is said to have a deficiency of £2.5m on the accounts of its London clients, is being sued by several groups of the 360 investors. Some are seeking the appointment of a receiver and others want their share portfolios returned. turned.

Mr Justice Dillon adjourned the applications to a date yet to be fixed.

Norton Warburg Investment
Management is a wholly-owned ment looks to the private sector departments in biotechnology."

subsidiary of the Norton War-burg Group, which was set up eight years ago to provide in-vestment management services and financial advice, and now handles £16m of funds.

Its clients include high-earning pop stars such as Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees and at one time members of the Pink

Floyd pop group. Norton Warburg Group con-firmed last month that the holding company and three of the six subsidiaries were being put

into voluntary liquidation. There is no connexion be tween Norton Warburg and S. G. Warburg, the merchant

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Warburg, the merchant bank.

result of a request at the July meeting of the NEDC that the Energy ministers have stressed that the electricity inindustry secretary should be kept informed of progress on public purchasing improvedustry will have to cover its costs, and that the British Gas Corporation's price structure "In my view we have made a sound start in putting the purchasing policy into effect", Sir Keith told the meeting. will remain market related. But

have

Budget may reduce

within that framework, the Government sees scope for greater flexibility and some

It is widely expected that the Chancellor will cut excise dury on heavy fuel oil which at £8 a tonne is among the highest in Europe. Other measures may include allowables in the least that traiff include alterations in fuel tariff structures of special discounts for high energy using industries, both of which are possible with-

in present legislation.

The NEDC report was warmly welcomed last night by the industries which have been pressing for action. Sir Terence Beckert, director-general of the Confederation of British In-dustry, emphasized that it was important for the Government

to act promptly.

The report confirmed that, for large users of gas, United Kingdom prices were 10 per cent to 15 per cent higher on average than those in other European countries; electricity prices were in some cases 10 per cent were in some cases 10 per cent to 35 per cent higher than in West Germany and France; United Kingdom foundry coke prices were 30 per cent higher than in Europe generally Other EEC countries subsi-dized their home-produced coal

by at least £30 a tonne more than the United Kingdom, Oil product prices in the United Kingdom were also higher for mosst of last year, and although in recent weeks prices have

industry's energy bill the position remained "vola-tile".

tile".

Lost night Mr Martin Trowbridge, director-general of the Chemical Industries Association, said it was regretable that the report had not been available last autuma when it had become obvious that energy price disparities had built up to levels which seriously affected the United Kingdom's competitive position.

"Even taking the general "Even taking the general levels of prices quoted in the report as a very conservative basis, the cost to the United Kingdom chemical industry of end year differences amounts to about a 170 million a year com-

about a 170 million a year compared with our major continental competitors", he said.

ICI, one of the country's biggest single users of energy which pays a £700m a year energy bill, emphasized the need for "very urgent attention and action by the Government".

The British Steel Corporation and the British Independent Steel Producers Association, in a joint statement, said that the Government should insist on energy market.

The nationalized utilities and

the oil companies should be encouraged to compete actively with each other and with their Continental counterports.

European companies, the steelmakers said, realized that their industrial customers.

their industrial customers were in direct competition within and outside the EEC with customers of other countries' Lending article, page 17

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THE PRESTIGE GROUP LIMITED

Mr. David Lawman reports on 1980

The following is an extract from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. J. T. Lawman, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1980.

Group sales for the year of £64,815,000 showed an increase of 4.1% compared with last year's total of £62,250,000. Group profit for the year before taxation was 8.1% lower at £5,669,000 (1979 -£6.169.000).

The results for 1980 reflect the severe reduction which took place in consumer demand at home starting in the second quarter of the year, accompanied by substantial customer destocking. Furthermore, the strength of sterling had an adverse effect on the profitability of export sales and on the results of overseas subsidiaries in sterling terms.

The Board is recommending a final ordinary dividend of 17.5% making a total for 1980 of 27.5% (1979 -27.5%). This dividend is covered 2.8 times by profit attributable to shareholders.

1980 IN BRIEF	1980 £'000	1979 £'000
SALES	64,815	62,250
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	5,669	6,169
EARNINGS PER SHARE	19.2p	20.3p

Copies of the 1980 Accounts and the Chairman's Statement may be Precipe Group Limited, Presipe House, 14-12 Holborn, London EC:N 210. The Annual General Fleeting will be held in London on 26th March, 1981.

Manufacturers of 'Prestige' 'Skyline, 'Ewbank', 'O-Cedar', & 'Old Hall' household products.

Overseas companies operating in Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Sweden.

Japanese workers and employers prepare for pay demands ceremony

Tradition prevails at the time of the rising wage

Japant is getting ready for just as Japan was overcoming the annual shunto or spring the worst effects of sharp inwage offensive with labour creases in imported oil prices leaders and managements producing the previous 12 months. posing conflicting strategies for checking inflation and expanding the economy.

The shunto reaches a climax in mid-April when thousands of workers hold street rallies and sometimes lock their bosses out of offices and factories.

In the group-minded Japanese society, both sides want to win public approval for their arguments about the size of the wage rises. The main labour unions are jointly seeking a 10 per cent

increase this year. For the first time since the shunto started in 1956, the unions last year put forward a unified claim, for 8 per cent,

The unions eventually accepted average wage increases of 6.7 per cent last year, which some labour leaders regarded as a defeat bur was seen by man a second to cover the fall in real wages last year, and thus help to staye off effects of further price rises in fiscal 1981.

The unions have defended their demand by seen by man a defeat bur was seen by man a defea

seen by many economists as a big factor behind Japan's reasonably sound 1980 economic

The average Japanese worker received 263,380 yen (2560) a fall in real wages slowed month last year, which was a domestic consumption, which 0.9 per cent drop in real terms, caused sluggish car sales and the first decline since 1952 when the Labour Ministry began regular surveys on wage levels. Rowever, annual wages including summer and year end bonuses rose a nominal 7 per

per cent demand is designed

consumption, which accounts for more than half of Japan's gross national product. Some economists believe the

domestic consumption, which raused singgish car sales and a decline in the rare of increase of housing starts, forcing the economy to rely for growth largely on higher exports. The government's outlook for fiscal 1981 calls for real eco-nomic growth of about 5.3 per

cent against an estimated 4.8 per cent in fiscal 1980. The Federation of Employers' Associations, without giving managements guidelines for salaries, already has rejected the reasoning behind workers'

But the shunto confrontation bentween management and workers does not illustrate real relations between the two sides, which are very coopera-Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Prime

tive, Minister, last year said: "Japan is not blessed with natural resources, but we have splendid resource called labour-management relations of which other countries are envi-

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PRICE CHANGES

If strict accords on subsidies and voluntary production cut-backs could not be agreed by the end of the month. Germany be forced to contravene rules guaranteeing unified policy on steel, sources

Community industry min-isters resolved resterday that no new state oid schemes could introduced after July 1,

The West Germans said the curbs did not go far enough and would have to be

General Motors loss

General motors said it lost \$359.3m (£234m) in Europe in 1980, compared with net income of \$338.2m in 1979. The European loss was said to be the largest part of its \$762.5m 1980 net loss.

Israeli pay rise

Most Isrreli employees will see their income rise 25 to 30 per cent next April, through a tax cut and a cost-of-living will be 400 redundancies at cambuslang out of 2,700 jobs, and 200 at Perivale, out of a total of 1,500. wage increase of 19.5 per cent. But Israelis are more highly taxed than the citizens of 59 other countries.

EEC inflation up

The European Economic Community registered a one per cent increase in its inflation rate in January, with France and Greece having the highest figures.

German jobless

West German unemployment fell 8,646 in February to 1.30 million—5.6 per cent of the labour force. It was the first monthly fall since September,

China to raise \$48m

China plans to tap the Japanese capital market for the first time later this year to raise the equivalent of about privately-placed yea denominated bond.

Talbot speeds up Horizon plans

Kingdom car sales are accounted for by fleet and company buyers, is advancing plans to assemble the French-made Horion in Britain to replace its biggest fleet

seller the Avenger. Avenger production is to cease in May with the closure of the Linwood plant, leaving a gap of eight months before the British version of the Horizon is

The car has been on sale here for nearly two years but almost all purchases have been by private motorists. Fleet and company buyers have made it clear that without a "Made in Britain" label if only partly true, they cannot justify large scale purchases in the present economic climate.

Mr George Turnbull, chairman of Talbot. UK, said yesterday: "A number of big fleet customers have told us that the Horizon would be a very attractive pro-position for them if it was made in Britain. We are pushing ahead with plans to have the Horizon in production at Ryton before the end of the year, with the engine being built at our Stoke plant containing a significant proportion of British components."

Stoke also produces engines for the Avenger and Sunbeam models which will he discontinued with the closure of Linwood. This has led to concern among the 3,400 employees there that the workforce

Hoover, the domestic appli-

ance manufacturer, is to make

about 900 workers redundant at its three factories in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, Cambus-lang, near Glasgow, and Peri-

Last week the company, which is 71 per cent owned by Hoover of Ohio, announced a pre-tax loss for 1980 of £2.75m.

at Merthyr Tydfil, where the workforce totals 3,800. There

At the start of this year the company's British workforce

Incomes became more divided

during the period when the last

Labour Government was in office, according to official

The share of Income before tax of the top 1 per cent fell from 6.2 per cent in 1974-75 to

5.3 per cent in 1978-79. But the

share of the bottom 10 per cent also declined, from 2.6 to 2.4

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would be progressively reduced. However, a number of recent developments, includ-ing Horizon engine work, now make this

unlikely. The most significant development is the dramatic improvement in shipment of engines, gearboxes and axles to Iran. Soon after Peugeot acquired Chrysler UK (since renamed Talbot) the Iranian revolutionary authorities stopped all shipments on the £150m-a-year contract.

Reduced shipments resumed last year Reduced shipments resumed last year only to be interrupted by a 12-week strike in the Coventry factories. Iran's war with Iraq halted shipments again but the biggest blow was the bombing of the Iranian car plant on the outskirts of Tehran. The Iranians at first said the damage was minor the last adverted to the damage was minor the last adverted to the damage was minor of the last adverted to the damage was minor the last adverted to the damage was minor of the last adverted to the damage was minor the last adverted to the damage was minor of the last adverted to the damage was minor of the last adverted to the but later admitted serious disruption of production. Repairs taking several months have just been completed.

Mr Turnbull said yesterday: "The black-

out prevents them working two shifts but with the advent of lighter nights, production is now being increased from 300 cars a day to 350 with a target of 400-plus. That will take us back to pre-trouble days

and will make as significant difference to our profitability. We now hope to be back in profits sometime next year."

He has persuaded the Iranians, with whom he worked as a consultant for over a year, to take the Avenger engine in place of the much older Hunter power unit allowing production to continue at unit allowing production to continue at Stoke after Linwood closes.

which has made exporting more to secure price rises. Stocks are now standing at their Hoover claims 40 per cent of highest level for several years.

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domestic cleaner sales in the

United Kingdom and about 35 per cent of the market for

washing machines. Both declined during 1980, the former by about 8 per cent and the latter by about 4 per cent.

At the same time imports have climbed steadily. Last

year imports of cleaners rose by about 50 per cent and now take about 36 per cent of the

United Kingdom market. Other

domestic appliance makers have also been forced to intro-

duce short time working and

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1978-79 from about 43 per cent

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seen their sbare of the income

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over the 30 years, despite the

enormous rise in real incomes

an article in Economic Trends

nublished yesterday by the Central Statistical Office, show that in 1978-79 more than three-

quarters of personal income

before tax went to families in

the top half of the income dis-

The official figures, given in

Those in the bottom lialf of

declare redundancies, and

Hoover to make 900 redundant

numbered slightly over 10,000,

including marketing and admin-istrative staff.

a lengthy period of trading difficulties, which resulted in

the shedding of more than 1,000 jobs last year, about 580 of them through redundancy, and

the introduction of short time working for the entire work-force in September.

blamed the latest redundancies

on a combination of adverse factors. including falling demand in the domestic market

and the strength of sterling,

which has made exporting more

picture. The share of the richest 1 per cent fell from

4.5 per cent la 1974-75 to 3.9

per cent in 1978-79, as did that

of the poorest 10 per cent, from 3.1 per cent to 2.9 per cent. At

the same time the income share

of the next richest 9 per cent

Since the war there has been

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cent. The next 9 per cent has

remained fairly steady (though

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past decade or so), while that

of the 40 per cent of wage

earners helow has risen sharply

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change the overall

Top earners worst hit under Labour

scarcely

went up.

Yesterday, a company official

The redundancies come after

He has also won contracts to supply Avenger engines to two further Iranian companies who will be producing 20,000 pick-up trucks a year. Half of them are Japanese Mazdas and Mr Turnbull claims that this will be the first instance in the world of a western engine displacing a Japanese one.

When Linwood closes in two months' time with the loss of 4,800 jobs Talbot's United Kingdom labour force will be down to only 10,000 compared with 23,000 in January, 1979. This has led to speculation that Pengent sees its future as a sales and marketing outlet for French-made cars.

Mr Turnbull, vehemently denies this. "Peugeot said at the beginning and they still say now they wish to maintain a significant manufacturing presence in the United Kingdom. They have never deviated from that policy and they are doing it for very good reasons. This market is swinging more and more in favour of companies who have a manu-facturing base here. If Peugeot withdrew it would have a dramatic effect on our

Mr Turnbull has a further two years to run on his four-year contract and despite recent rumours to the contrary has every intention of seeing it through. Clifford Webb

economy

US forum to study

Washington, March 4 A fresh attempt has been made to establish a forum for direct discussions between leaders of American business

and trade unions. After a year of negotiation formal labour-management group was announced today by Mr Clifton Garrin, chairman of Exxon and head of the business roundtable, and Mr Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL CIO national trade union organiza-tion. They said the government had not been invited to partici-pate. Mr Kirkland said that his was likely to be advantageous as both sides of industry searched for common ground on economic policies.

The last such effort at a labour-management dialogue collapsed in mid-1978 when the trade unions ended talks after particularly bitter lobbying in Congress by business groups against labour law reform.

tions of any kind.

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From Frank Vogl

The new group is being chaired by Professor John Duplop, of Harvard University, a former United States secretary of labour. He stressed today that every other industrial nation in the world had a forum for labour-management

The group would not become involved in contract negotia-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor results at ICI

From Mr D. N. Lawson Sir, I notice that ICI blame only causes beyond their con-trol, i.e., the Government, the world recession, the exchange rate, for the poor result's. Pre-sumably they did not think we would believe them if they ascribed the poor performance to the phases of the moon or to the malign influence of the

I had always believe d that one of the key features of sector management with the necessity to make discisions about the real world where Governments do act, reclessions and over-capacity do occiur, oil is found in the North Scia, and growth rates cannot be extrapolated forever; that: ICI directors were paid so highly because they could make the necessary decisions correctly and they were then respt insible for the consequences of those Sale, M33 30 decisions. It is fairly a byious February 28.

decisions have been wrong more often than they have been right. Had the decisions been taken by tossing a coin, the laws of probability suggest that half the decisions would have been correct. That would appear to be a better success rate than the present senior management have achieved, and

at a much lower cost!
Such a method would cause problems of deciding where the responsibility for decisions lay, but under the present scheme ICI senior managers do not have personal responsibility for the consequences of their decisions. Perhaps the shareholders ought to try to persuade them Yours faithfully, D. N. LAWSON. 1 Bradgate Road,

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E. LEWIS, 14 Elphinstone Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 2EF. February 23.

Standards at Chinese

From Mrs Helen Arrowsn Brown Sir. In the Business Diary February 26 your corres

dent stated that because Chinese had so far allowed Western firms to hotels within their borders Western standards most acc modation there is awful?, statement is as inaccurate; is complacent.

With very few excepti Chinese hotels are clean, rooms are comfortable, food good, plenty of hot w is provided and the scrvic cheerful, efficient and c teous. Tipping is consider an affront, I was sad to be this "awfulness" for H. konz.

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Problems of nuclear reactors

From Professor J. W. Jefferry Sir. Professor Fremlin (les ters, February 24) mies to provi too much. He indicates that i a 20 years' time we may be using twice as much electrical en ergy as at present and that we should aim to have 90 per cent cif it generated from nuclear power. This would involve starting building five large nuclear stations every year from 1 now until 1994—70 in all. But fortunately there is an alternal tive indicated by the letter in the same issue from the Energy Coordinator of the Royal It istitute of British Architects; on promoting energy conservation (a subject not mentioned by Professor Fremlin).

Conservation and increase in the efficiency of energy use. in industry and transport would allow us, as the HED stildy showed, to double product ion while actually decreasing our primary energy consumption. This is all without any sign ificant contribution from rent two about 200 square miles of rouris on houses in this country and something of the same order on commercial and industr. al

with the building of local fluidized bed power stations by the power construction industry and the use of waste heat for district heating would easily satisfy the demand for electricity and low temperature The use of the intermittent

buildings, so solar panels allied

power of wind, wave and photoelectric sources will be belped by all forms of storage, including electric vehicles. If we include biotechnology, already producing half of Brazil's "petrol" for new cars, it is perfectly possible to see how an adequate energy future could be achieved without the dangers of nuclear power development. The dangers are not only of

proliferation of nuclear weapons, although that is by far the greater threat to man-kind, but nuclear power is peculiarly dangerous in itself. It is the only example I can think of where man deliberately starts something he cannor stop. It is not generally realized that a nuclear furnace cannot be completely shut down. Immediately after a large

load, for any reason from grid failure to a carastron loss of coolant, the heat thoulds to be generated in-the nuclear furnace from raactive decay, and complet unstoppable, is equivalent four of the largest open her electric furnaces used in British steel industry, decay heat declines repidly first, but even after 24 bo it is equivalent to a medi size steel industry furnace 15MW. After that the deci is very slow and even now at two years the problem of keing the Three Mile Island c cool is a major preoccupa of those attempting to clear

the accident. It is this unstoppable hi the partner of the unquer able radioactivity which been developed in the nucl furnace, that is the reason the major safety problems nuclear reactors. Yours, etc.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Cons Gold's rich seam

Appropriately, gold has enabled Consolidated Gold Fields to maintain its record of raising profits and dividends faster than

Despite falls in the first half contributions to operating profits from base metals and most of the manufacturing interest, pretax profits were up 16 per cent at \$76.2m, and the dividend is increased by the same percentage to 12.1 gross. Measured by earnings per share, the performance was better; up 20 per cent to 30.3p, allowing for the rights issue.

The reliance on gold is very clear. Earnings from the 47 per cent stake in Gold Fields of South Africa were £22.8m compared with £10.9m, and dividends from direct holdings in South African mines more than doubled as well to £14.8m. These results more than offset the decline in other sectors.

The biggest fall, though expected, was in construction materials, at Amey Roadstone, Operating profits fell £5.2m to £19.5m; reflecting a collapse of demand caused partly by the reduction in public spending. The results also include £2m for redundancies and closures.

The American drilling equipment and the Azcon scrap metal interests did well, but on balance the other manufacturing and commercial operations dropped £1.9m to bring in operating profits of \$11.7m.

In all, the industrial business contributed 37 per cent of operating profits against 51 per cent in the first half of last year. Even though the base metals fell by £5.2m to 13.8m, largely because of low tin and copper prices and strikes at Renison, the whole mining sector increased its share from 36

What these results show is that diversification works both ways: industrial profits can fall as well as rise. With little hope of industry doing better in the first half or 1981—Cons Gold's second half—and with the gold price similarly depressed, the company will be lucky to beat inflation again.

The market realised this when, after marking the shares up 37p at one point, they closed 5p lower at 423p. Assuming a dividend increase over the whole year of 15 per cent the yield is about 8.7 per cent. But, in the meantime Cons Gold is likely to have told shareholders how it intends to spend its rights issue proceeds.

8 Lazards is continuing to reap the benefit of the breakthrough it made with the financing of the Hongkong Mass Transit Railway through the first foreign-currency buyercredit package denominated in the currency of the buyer three years ago. Yesterday the merchant bank announced that it had arranged an ECGD-backed loan for HK\$244m to finance Metro-Cammell's contract for the MTR's latest extension.

The great attraction of this deal was that since the Railway's income was in HK doilars it laid itself open to big currency risks

in taking out sterling debt. Indeed the first stage of the MTR was imanced in sterling and the currency scars are now showing up in the accounts. For the second stage of the development the authorities made sure they would repay debt in the same currency in which they were getting their revenue. And for the third stage "Island line" this form of financing

is a " pre-qualification for contracts". There is every indication that but for this procedure, and the flexibility and cooperation of Britain's ECGD, British contractors would not have got a look in on the contracts. To date Lazards has netted 1.100m worth of ECGD-backed HK\$ finance which has proved less onerous for the United Kingdom clearing banks than other foreign currency deals arranged through the ECGD since it does not have to be refinanced through the Eurocurrency

General Accident

Star turn

Justifying its star rating among insurance composites, General Accident is the only one of the big three United States-oriented groups to report increasing profits. A full-year gain of 7 per cent to £92.3m pretax compares with fells of seven and 25 per cent respectively reported recently by Royal and Compared Union

and Commercial Union. But after a year in which overall under-

writing losses spiralled from £18.2m to £27m GA seems no more sanguine about nearterm prospects for the industry than either

Reflecting its bias towards less volatile personal lines business, GA has fared significantly better than CU and Royal in the United States. A tiny fourth quarter sur-plus reduces the year's deficit to £4.5m against £1.1m previously producing a statufory operating ratio of 101.5 per cent which is a few points below the industry average.

At the same time milder weather has reduced household and motor claims slashing the United Kingdom deficit from £10.3m to £2.4m. But severe competition has hit the group hard elsewhere, particularly in Australia and Canada and here as in the United States, the group thinks conditions will worsen before they improve.

Investment income, however, continues to take the strain showing a rise of 14 per cent to £119.2m, while strong equity marker, and relatively modest premium growth —12 per cent excluding currency move-ments—have helped put 7 points on the solvency margin at 59 per cent.

Despite ferocity in world markets, General Accident's high quality business portfolio should enable a further profits advance possibly to £105m this year. But the real key to GA's current attractions lie in its dividend paying capacity. A 121 per cent dividend increase produces a yield of fractionally under 6 per cent on the shares, up 2p to 324n. This is almost three points below that offered by Royal and nearly four below CU, but GA's payment is three times covered compared with less than twice in the case of the other two groups.

This extra flexibility points to much sounder prospects for dividend growth and should ensure GA continues to outperform its rivals. Despite some hopeful recovery buying in recent weeks, however, scope for further progress by the sector as a whole could be constrained until clearer signs emerge that competition worldwide is

Ransomes

Vulnerable to spending cuts

Ransomes Sims & Jefferies which makes heavy grass-cutting and specialised agricul-tural equipment, is one of those rare birds, an engineer making positive advances despite the recession.

But a sales gain of 16 per cent to £49m which has produced 8 per cent more profit at the operational level is all slightly soured by that bugbear of the industrial sectorhigh interest rates, not only here but also in the United States where Ransomes' business has local borrowings.

By the time these have taken their tolland interest charges are up from £1.9m to £2.8m—1980 profits run out at £2.3m, down by 19 per cent.

Taking the view presumably that interest rates will continue to fall through 1981—on borrowings that have apparently been "contained at a slightly lower level" than in 1979 when gearing stood at approaching back, hard won export business will produce more satisfactory margins, Ransomes is now sticking its neck out and hoping for "comparable" results this year.

That looks possible; a heavy retrenchment programme involving a 30 per cent cut in the workforce over the past 12 months has obviously taken out substantial overhead albeit at the cost of a £0.92m excep-tional item below the line this time.

There is one important snag though. Ransomes is heavily dependent in the United Kingdom market for its contract grass cutting equipment on public authorities. Obviously they are not going to be such ready buyers as in the past.

The market brushed aside that doubt vesterday and the shares gained 15p to 156p in what is a thin localised market. Here, Ransomes is yielding 10.2 per cent and selling at only 3 times latest stated historic earnings, after the tax credit, a cautious rating that looks justified this side of the Budget and the next EEC farm prices round which has a bearing on spending by

Economic notebook

When success is not what it seems

Business School, have arrived at some similar conclusions. They agree that Britain is likely to see three million beopl jobless next year, for the first time for half a century. They also agree that th rapid decline in the inflation rate

will be arrested at a level not much below 10 per cent. The National Institute is mar. ginally the more optimistic, predicting that the rate of inflation may inch down towards 8
per cent in the final three
months of 1982, comparing
price levels with those of a year earlier, This means that be-tween 1979 and 1982 unemployment will have much more than doubled, while inflation will have been less than halved (comparing the levels in the

fourth quarter of each year).

Such, then, has been the cost of the Government's "success" in reducing the rate of price increases. Even this success has partly involved undoing the harm that ministers have themselves done.
This is because a substantial

amount of inflation has been injected directly into the economy by the Government. According to Lord Kalder, giving address to the Henry of Ing evidence to the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee last summer, the Government had contributed 6 to 8 per cent to the cost of living through tax changes and other policy

economists have suggested that the government contributed to inflation is at the topper end of the Kaldor band.
The indirect tax increases alone in the June, 1979, and March, 1980, Budgets, added more than 5 per cent to the retail price index. The Government also should be price controlled. ment also abolished price con-trols, administered by the Price

It is not possible to quantify the effect on prices of this act, but it is unlikely to have been insignificant. The Trade Union Research Unit at Ruskin College, Oxford, has pointed out that cament increased in price by 40 per cent in the first year of price freedom (May, 1979-May, 1980). Brick prices as a whole rose by nearly as much—37 per cent—and one company increased its brick prices

by as much as 45 per cent. It is not, however possible for these industries to argue that they were passing on exceptional cost increases, as the official index of materials and fuel purchased by these industries showed an annual rise of t25 per cent.

Interest rates

The increase in interest affecting the retail price index.
Minimum lending rate was
raised from 12 to 14 per cent in June, 1979, and raised furber of that year. It stayed at that level until last summer. This raised costs in indus-

passed on in higher prices wherever possible. The rise in house mortgage rates is alone calculated to have added 1 per cent to the retail price index.

Also, government policies bave forced nationalized industries to ralsa their prices by much more than the general increase in prices. The increase in nationalized industry prices is certainly not off. try prices is certainly not old due to high wage settlements in these industries.

Between June, 1979, and June, 1980, the prices of goods and services produced mainly by nationalized industries rose 29 per cent, but average 29 per cent, but average weekly earnings of men employed in public corporations rose by 22 per cent between April, 1979, and April, 1980.

But this is, of course, not all that the Covernment has itself that the Government has itself

From their positions on the done to raise prices. The cuts opposite sides of the divide in in expenditure which Treasury contemporary economics, the ministers have tried to impose "Keynesian" National Institute on local authorities, and the and the "monetarish" London reduction in the Exchequer's on local authorities, and the reduction in the Exchequer's contribution to the financing of such expenditure, have led to large increases in total rates. In April, 1980, rates were in-creased by an average of 272 per cent for nomestic properties and 23 per cent for busi-

> This together with higher mortgage rates and higher rents, produced a 30 per cent rise in the court of "housing", as recorded by the retail price index, between mid-1979 and mid-1980. Furthermore, there have been increases in many charges for social services prescriptions, school meals and the like.

Thus, it seems quite probable that when the year-on-year in-trease in the retail price index hit its peak last May of 22 per cent something over a third of that rise was attributable to the actions of Government.

Wage claims

Part of the recent fall in the inflation rate has occurred because, after 12 months, the innial impact on the index of these covernment by the conventional year-onby the conventional year-on-year measure of price changes —the first-round effects "drop outs" of the calculation.

But the effects are longer lasting than ministers admit it is a widely adopted practice when trades union leaders are formulating wage claims, to base them on changes in the retail price index over the pre-ceding year. Thus, Governmentinduced price increases are built into wage demands and have "secondary" effects on the level of inflation.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chan-cellor, insisted that there was no case for this, when he raised the rate of value-added tax in his first Budget, because work-ers had received compensating reductions in income tax. But in fact, both of Sir Geoifrey's Budgets have increased taxation in real terms. The 1979 one did so largely by raising marginal rates, the 1980 one by reducing the real value of the tax

If the Government's contribution to the retail price index between mid-1979 and mid-1980 was indeed of the order of 8 per cent points, its success in reducing inflation decidely less impressive. What the rate of inflation

would be today without the government contribution is difficult to say. If, for example, creased, the exchange rate would have been lower. The higher exchange rate has helped to hold price increases down by lowering import costs.

If might also be argued that if the Government had not taken the action that it did, then public spending and borhigher, leading eventually to bigger price increases or still higher interest rates, with a

ing effect on output But the Covernment's fiscal and monetary policies have themselves pushed up its borrowing through their effect on

commensurately more depress-

If inflation cannot be driven below 8 per cent at the trough of the business cycle, it is hard to believe that it will be pushed lower when, or if, any recovery trial electricity consumption sizable fall in the exchange rate has begun to look increasingly likely, thanks, in part, to the miners. This will drive inflation back into double figures.

High unemployment, on the other hand, will remain with us. Few, surely, will claim that such a small gain on the inflation front has been worth the cost.

Melvyn Westlake

How industry is paying over the odds for its energy supplies

Trawler owners are a canny lor. They have to be. Almost every mouth a iresh problem emerges to threaten their livelihood. It may be Russian factory shins vacuuming up sprais off the Thames estuary or Brusse's bure increases carving up the offshore waters to their detriment. In these recessionary times skippers must keep a weather spe on the fuel bills, which account for an estimated 30 per cert of operating costs. A trawfor skipper operating out of Aberdeen would have been paying \$172 a torne for marine diesel oil at the beginning of this year; at the Humber ports he would have paid £131 a tenne and at Lowestoft £153.

But across on the Continent the same marine diesel would have cost £120 a tonne. For gas oil, too, used mainly by the coastal trawler fleet, bunkering costs would have been much cheaper toan those available in

nome ports. The French and Italian fish-The French and Italian fish-ing fleets receive a subsidy—in the case of the French amount-ing to 10 centimes (about 90) per litre. It is said that more than one trawler has found it worthwhile to sail across the North Sea for bankers, rather than pay the United Kingdom

rates
This discrepancy in bunkering corts for the fishing industry is among the more bisarre the merce from the report of the National Economic Deve-lopment Council's energy "task force", ser up in January in response to growing criticism of British industry's energy

Energy-intensive industries, like iron and sreel and chemi-cals, have highlighted the disparity in energy costs between the United Kingdom and the Continent. It is a disparity which these industries, together with the paper and board and foundry industries, claim is put-ting United Kingdom companies at a competitive disadvantage. Despite the growing clamour

from the Confederation of British Industry and individual trade associations, the Department of Energy, and Mr Norman Lamont, the Energy Mindustrial Confederation of Confederat ister particularly, seemed dear

to the accusations.

The tripartite task force of Whitehall officials, industry representatives and trade unions has done its job well, cutting through a jungle of conflicting statistics to identify the subsidies available to Britain's considerations and trade unions has done its job well, cutting through a jungle of conflicting statistics to identify the subsidies available to Britain's considerations. The house of the foundry industry the presentatives and trade unions power generation and hydrotherapitations. tinental competitors. It has assembled a report to which the Government must respond. The only significant area of disagreement, perhaps predict-

ably, has been over gas.

After months of prevarication. Air Lamont earlier this week took up the every pricing cause at the EEC Council of Ministers meeting — to the delight of the industries con-cerned. The French and West German governments, he claimed, were charging their manufacturing companies uneconomically low gas and elec-tricity prices. He hoped that the Commission would investi-gate the "facts" and report back in June.

The Commission should use

"task force's" report as its starting point. Industry accounts for about
4) per cent of final energy consumption in the United Kingdom and the prices of electricity and gas for more than 95 per cent of industrial customers are "broadly in line" with those on the Continent. These users represent 50 per cent of industrial customers are the continent. trial electricity consumption by volume and 15 per cent of in-

(November 1980) (Customers purchasing 2 million therms a year) Pence per therm

GAS PRICES FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY

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• For an important group of energy-intensive users UK gas and electricity prices had moved significantly ahead of those being charged to some major competitors on the Continent by the end of 1980?

NEDC Energy Task Force report

But for the small, but important, group of energy-intensive industries which have been the fugus of the task force investiga-tion—accounting for some of the remaining 50 per cent of electricity consumption and a significant proportion of gas—
significant proportion of gas—
traited Kingdom prices had moved out of line with those charged on the Continent by the end of last year and heavy fuel oil remained "volatile".

So what has emerged from the task force's investigations into the particular problems of this group? The report shows that electricity prices—which are of particular interest to the steel and chemical industry— are at present 20-35 per cent lower in France than in Eng-land and Wales; German prices are up to 25 per cent lower at high load factors.

Over the short term the strengthening of the pound against the franc and the deutsche mark has been a significant factor, but other elements underlying the present discrep-ancy include the relative cost advantage of France's nuclear

price of coke has been a big source of worry. Coking cool costs represent 6-7 per cent of the selling price of castings. The task force concluded that United Kingdom foundry coke is 30 per cent more expensive than the average in most Euro-pean countries and more than 50 per cent dearer than in

Not only have exchange rate factors played a part, but sub-sidies are again a component, compounded by indirect help for coke oven output. The task force noted that United Kingdom subsidies are less than the maximum permitted under the rules of the European Coal and Steel Community.

Another factor forcing up United Kingdom prices is the requirement of National Smokeless Fuels to operate at "arm's length" from the National Coal Board and recover its costs through prices, at a time of falling demand and rising unit costs.

But it is in the area of heavy fuel oil that industry is looking for the first real concession. It wants a cut in the excise duty on heavy fuel oil in next week's

Budget (complete removal would cost the Exchequer 1350m).

But beyond short-term relief the oil issue poses a longer term problem for the Golffmacht, because "interruptible" gas prices are linked to the price of heavy fuel oil, and "firm" has supply contract prices are related in part to the price of

There are a whole range of other factors which have lifted fuel oil prices above the levels prevailing in other European countries—among them differ-ences in transport and distribution costs and in the cost structure of individual com-

It is on gas prices that the task force had the greatest difficulty in arriving at representative comparisons. As one insider observed: "We had the impression that the British Gas Corporation approached task force exercise with no inteption of agreeing anything."

There remains a basic disagreement between the BGC and its major consumers on the impact and degree of the link-age between firm gas supplies and gas oil or other oil products in different countries.

The task force secretariat has concluded that by the end of last year gas price disparities with the Continent were on average 2p-3p per therm (or 10 per cent) for interruptible supplies and 3p-5p a therm (or 10-20 per cent) for firm gas contracts. That represents an overall cost disadvantage to United Kingdom users on an average weighted basis of at least 10-13

Ministers can therefore expect the energy-intensive industries to press them to act on earlier NEDO recommendations that the gas curporation should demonstrate a willingness to tiate discounts to large users similar to those available to continental consumers. The NEDO also asked the corporation to review "and redress" the present imbalance under which industrial gas customers are the only ones in Europe to . pay more than domestic con-

The task force has rooted out the facts on energy price dis-crepancies. But in many respects the real debate has only just begun.

Peter Hill.

Business Diary: Girobank's Wainwright • Gold-diggers of 1981

For Sam Wainwright the vigorous managing director of Nationa Girobank yesterday's announcement that the Post Office's banking ofspring is to join the London Bankers' Clearing House marks the great leap forward for the poor relations of banking.

and merchant banker. Wain-wright, who hts been at Milk Street since 1977, is one of the new breed of Post Office chiefs who prefer action to precedent. He made Girobank's voice heard on the Committee of Lon-don Clearing Bankers—a a working group on payment of shake and want to make sure that it is of the golden, rather

A former financial journalist

Wager, While involved in the prelim-with the Loninary discussions with the Lon-don Clearing Bankers' Committee about this advance Wainwright will delegate its implementation. He is more concerned with his next project. the setting up of seven regional offices o bring Girobank account management nearer to large company customers.



Sam Wainwright



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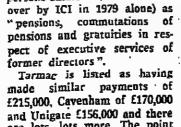
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course, there is a copy in the The journal-published by the trade union-sponsored Labour Research Department—has done a breakdown of 37 golden shakes totalling more than £4m over the last few are lots, lots more. The point the Labour Research Depart-ment seeks to make is that for the workers the maximum state entitlement to redundancy pay You can see what the going rate is from a table listing the lucky lads, which is topped by Sir Brian Massy-Greene, of Conafter 20 years in one job is £3,900—as long as the State Redundancy Fund holds up.

One thing Japan is not making smaller these days is the Japanese themselves. A survey by the local government statistics solidated Goldfields (5250,000) and trailing off with Pat Matthews (First National Finance) and Gerald Harding ese themselves. A survey on the local government statistics bureau there shows that the height of high school boys has exceeded 170 cms (about 5 ft 7 ins) for the first time on record. They also weigh about 10 lb more on average than 20 (Bibby Line), who each got 150,000. The star company is Dalgety, which paid £100,000 each to Robert Paul, Norman Rigby and William Shaw. 10 lb more on average than 20 Perhaps even more interesting are 53.5m pay-offs to ing more Western food.

persons unknown (£2.1m handed • The Consumers' Association has planted the seed for an addition to its range of Which? pensions and gratuities in res- magazines. If it germinates sucpect of executive services of cessfully, Gardening Which? should blossom in 1982.

As yet, the organization's Bremridge, 51, succeeds Sir deputy director Rosemary Philip Haddon-Cave who moves McRobert emphasizes, the project is "highly embryonic". Advertisements are out to recruit the first diggers in the field, but no final commitment to the harticultural project will be made until mid-June.

The association's interest in gardening arises from a poll of its 600,000 members, but it also hopes that the magazine will introduce it to a completelynew readership. Gardening being a chancy and seasonal business, the Consumers' Association has to get down to the nitty-gritty right away if it is to have any crops to report on in 1982. The project may involve it in buying its own garden and trial beds if its attempt at propagation proves that it really does

tion proves that it really does

have green fingers.

4 John Bremridge, 31 years in the Far East, mostly in Hongkong, bowed in yesterday as the Crown Colony's new Financial Secretary-its Chancellor of the Exchequer-and offered his sympathies to all companies who have been getting their fat Chinese contracts cancelled. "The Japanese and Americans jumped up and down about the contracts they had won and

with China it is patience."

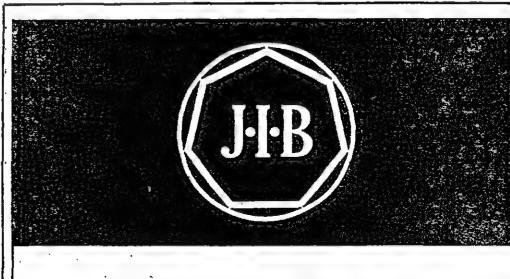
Bremridge, chairman of the Swire Group—one of the two trading "Hongs" that dominate the island's activities—until he retired last November, sees no diminution in trading activities between China and Hong-

then they collapsed, but if any-thing is required in dealing

up to Chief Secretary in Hongkong. Sir Jack Cater, the present Chief Secretary, will be Hongkong Commissioner in London later this year.

Sharcholders at vesterday's AGM of Grand Met at the Lyceum in the Strand not only received the customary vouchers for goodies with their copies of the canual report but were invited to stay on for drinks at the close of the meeting, which most did. When, half an hour later, the hint that "we are now having to close the bar" went unheeded, there came over the loudspeaker a strident version of the National Anthem. It had the desired effect.

Ross Davies



Extract from Accounts at 31st December, 1980

	1980	1979
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Issued Capital	10,800	10,800
Retained Profits	6,388	5,244
Subordinated Loans	4,194	4,497
Deposits	377,358 ·	357,130
Loans	222,954	230,835
Total Assets	411,756	387,801
Profits before Taxation	3,841	3,139
after Taxation	1,792	1,500

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Stock markets

Unilever leads technical recovery

mism returned to cheer the market yesterday in what looked like a modest technical recovery in most sectors, despite only small investment

With the dividend cuts from both ICI and Unilever, dealers are now looking more definitely to a reflationary Budget next week. They are hopeful of emphasis on aid to industry in the form of changes in energy costs and taxation. But, the feeling is that the market will continue to behave erratically until Budget day.

The FT Index showed the firm start to the day by climb-ing 6.3 points to 502.5 by noon. After falling back to 500.9 by 3pm the Index closed ahead on the previous day at 500.0, up

Gilts did not show the strength of the leading equities sector, despite the initial sector, despite the initial advances on opening of up to \$\frac{1}{2}\$. Longs reported a very quiet day rising to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ but settling during the day to close lower by about £1. Shorts drifted through the day to close off on most prices in thin conditions but rises were thought to have been gained

Leading equities, the first to feel the squeeze over the last two days, led the rally in the morning with rises throughout the blue chips. Shares in Unilever were the outstanding feature. Despite Tuesday's dividend cut, they picked up 15p during the day to recover all lost ground to 490p and closed easier at 487p.

Following suit, ICI rose 4p before dropping back to 250p, Pilkington rose 8p to 300p, and Beecham scored a 5p rise to 166p before closing at 165p. Glaxo was 2p higher at 292p. Lucas added 4p to 194p and Metal Box gained 8p at 182p. BAT was up 3p at 285p and Grand Metropolitan, after yesterday's annual meeting, was 3p higher at 183p. Bowater advanced 4p to 209p and Rank

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Organisation was up 4p at 182p. Dealers reported good two-way trade.

Among companies reporting, Ransomes Sims advanced 15p to 156p on better forecasts than expected but Matthew Clark, maintaining the interim, lost 2p to 136p on lower profits. Con-solidated Gold, initially up to 437p on interim profit increases, fell back to 423p, with expecta-tions of lower full-year results due to the gold price. Ewart New Northern climbed 10p to 180p on 33 per cent profits growth.

Rumours of an eventual bid Rumours of an eventual old at MDW Holdings pushed shares 7p higher at 78p and Whitecroft rose another 5p to 57p on the sale of its subsidiary. Burnett & Hallamshire jumped another 45p, on news of the United States acquisition, to close at 9880.

It is fast becoming a case of when, and not if, a hid is made for Davenport Brewery, currently valued he one leading broker at over 2002 a share. Talk of a 180p-a-share bid from Grand Metropolitan was yestersuperseded by rumours of a from Wolverhampton & bid from Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. But Mr E. J. Thompson, chairman and managing director, said it was news to him. The shares closed unchanged at 132p.

News that Bardsey has pulled out of F. Pratt, selling its stake to 600 Group, left shares in Pratt lower by 6p at 114p. Otherwise, speculative buying saw Sangers, the optics group, rise 8p to 60p, ML Meyer 3p to 83p, David Bixon 4p to 126p, and Pritchard 4p to 145p.

Suspension of dealings in the Williams Hudson group at the Stock Exchange Council's request left shares at 95p, pending a circular on recent

acquisitions.
Jobbers in the engineering sector reported a reasonable day with two-way trade. The sector saw small gains through-

Latest results

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current rate of Advance Corporation Tax (3/7ths of the distribution) is equal to a rate of 3 3/7ths

A deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for must accompany each

Tender, which must be sent to Deloitte Haskins & Sells, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 207, 128, Queen Victoria Street. London EC4P 4JX in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Sutton

Water Stock" so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th March, 1981. The balance of the purchase money will be payable on or before Wednesday, 25th March, 1981.

Seymour, Pierce & Co., 10, Old Jewry, London, EC2R 8EA.

Lloyds Bank Limited, 49, High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX.

or from the Office of the Company at 59, Gander Green Lane, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EW.

Copies of the Prospectus, on the terms of which alone Tenders will be considered, and

such rate was reduced to 2.5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961

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Profits

Em 1.73(2.17) 76.3(63.8) 0.18(0.17)

0.02(0.01) 0.67†(1.05†) 92.3(86.5)

0.66(1.05)

Clydeside saw shares in John Barclays Bank; shares rose 50 Brown knocked 3p 10 74p. Meanwhile, Vickers put on 1p at 164p, Tube Investments was 4p higher at 194p, and Hawker Siddeley added 2p to 290p.

Barclays Bank; shares rose 50 to 408p since the dividend rise is already covered by the bank's public statements. All the leading banks saw gains, with National Westminster ahead 5p

It as the second-liners in the electrical sector hich sa most of the movement. On reflection, Diploma added 5p to 173p after results on Tuesday and Unitech followed gaining 8p to 256p. GEC was 1p better at 646p. Racal eased 2p to 359p, Plessey was 4p higher at 317p but Ferranti saw 5p lopped at 540p. Thorn/EMI, after rises during the day dropped to close 30 the day, dropped to close 2p down at 306p.

After a firm opening in the breweries sector, dealers described buying as selective with prices easing during the day, despite continued fears of increased duries in next week's Budget. Most shares railied with Bass higher 4p at 214p, Allied was unchanged at 661p but Whitbread gained 2p to 154p. Distillers dropped 1p to 190p.

Jobbers in insurance reported

a day of panic as many specu-lative buyers felt they had misread the market. With indications that the sector is going to outperform the market there were gains across the board. The higher-than-forecast results and the 12! per cent increased dividend from General Accident saw shares rising 2p to 324p. But GA has disappointed many with news that it is not going ex div until May. Royal, after results this week, was unchanged at 388p but GRE advanced 4p to 346p. Sun Alli-ance, reporting soon, added 2p to 806p but Commercial Union stayed at 158p. A drop in ster-ling against the dollar and other foreign currencies is still engerly waited as insurance groups continue losing from

currency translations. Properties showed a mixed day with small gains and losses. MEPC was unchanged at 234p but Land Securities rose 3p to 393p. Hammerson "A" dropped back 5p to 615p and Stock Conversion advanced 3p to 343p. With results due today from

Pay date 13/4 30/4 — 20/3 1/7

ABRIDGED PARTICULARS

Year's total —(7.5) 8.5(22.5) 7.75(6.5)

-(-) -(-) 13.5(12.0) 0.7(0.7)

Burton Group director

resigns By Rosemary Unsworth

public statements. All the leading banks saw gains, with National Westminster ahead 5p at 363p, Lloyds up 5p at 323p and Midland advancing 5p to 335p. As hopes of a bid from Lloyds fades, shares in Grindlays fell back by 10p to 168p. The oil sector, out of favour with buyers recently, saw a busy day with two-way trading in

with buyers recedily, saw a busy day with two-way trading in thin conditions. Ultramar pushed ahead 17p to 510p on news of gas finds in Indonesia, a broker's circular and good profits results expected next week. The disappointing news over production forecasts from the Thistle Field in the North Sea depressed companies with

NEI looks too high at 791p. Sentiment is helped by new nuclear reactor orders and trad-

ing is certainly better than at many engineers, but profits of around £25m this time will be

below some expectations and there is little chance of an increase in the dividend.

was 1p up at 182p. The leaders were better, with BP climbing 4p to 416p and Shell ahead 4p at 422p. Both BP and Shell—

at 422p, Both BP and Shell—seen as cheap buys—attracted interest and some buying was reported. Lasmo, however, dropped back 2p to 647p and IC Gas gave up 3p to 230p.

The mining and finance stocks rallied in the morning

after results from Consolidated Gold but drifted back to close generally only a little higher. Cons Gold's results are based

on gold at least year's prices of around \$636, and since the gold

price is ow \$464, profits for the

current year are expected to be

Equity turnover for March 3 was £161.094 (bargains 21,364). Traditional options: Dealers

reported increased activity yesterday. Calls were made in Fisons, Westminster Properties, Dunlop, Metroy, Rothmans, Burmah, Standard Telephone

and Cables, Barclays, British Aerospace, Residon "", Bee-

cham and Central Pacific Minerals. Puts were arranged in GKN and Tubes. Doubles were

completed in Westminster Pro-

GEC 32, ICI a total of 135, Commercial Union 168, Land

Secs seven, Lonrho 76 and Shell

Stroud Riley

board rejects

The board of Stroud, Riley, Drummond yesterday told shareholders to reject the 42p

a share offer made by Mr Stefan Simmonds, chief execu-

tive of the textile group, who is bidding after increasing his

Mr Simmonds, who took up his option to acquire an additional 9.1 per cent stake to bring his total holding to 38.9 per cent on Tuesday, was obliged under the City Code Rule 34 to make an offer for the remaining charge at 470.

the remaining shares at 42p each. The share price now stands at 51p. He entered into

put and call option with Mr

J. Selka, a director, and other members of the Selka family,

42p offer

shareholding.

Traded options: A total of 848 contracts were recorded. Consolidated Gold attracted 74,

perties and Burmah.

Burton Group's deputy managing director, Mr Brian North, has resigned from the board. Last November Mr North was replaced as finance director by Mr W. Wood and his departure was no surprise in the stock market, where the share price gained 1p to 125p.

Mr North said yesterday that Mr North said yesterday that he was considering one or two offers, which were not neces-sarily in the retail trade. He declined to give details of his compensation from Burton. "It will be in the annual accounts", he said

Sea depressed companies with holdings in the field like Burmah Tricentrol and Charter-house Petroleum Tricentrol dropped 2p to 303p and Burmah Burton also confirmed that it had been in discussion with a number of people over the pos-French business, but so far no deal has been concluded. will only be fair to say that we have a deal when we have signed it", Mr Wood said yes-

Burton has indicated for some time that it is not interested in keeping a loss making concern and the French side lost 11m last year. However, Mr Wood added that the division, which consists of 40 stores, had recently shown some improve-ment although be stressed that the main consideration was its long-term future.

But he dismissed suggestions that the group was also looking for a purchaser for the Ryman chain. "It is in profit and its performance has improved and we hope that it will continue to do so."

but will hold dividend

With higher duties expected on alcohol in next week's Budget. Mr F. Gordon Walker, chairman of wine and spirits merchant Matthew Clark & Sons. said yesterday that it is impossible to be optimistic about the group's full-year profits. However, he does intend to maintain the total dividend, and maintain the total dividend, and declared a maintained interim of 2.86 gross with the eight month interim profit yesterday.

The company made a £1.73m pretax to December 31, a de-cline of a fifth from the previous year, in a period that saw the cognac market fall by 22 per cent, and demand for

Bid approach lifts MDW

MDW Holdings, the Glasgow based property investment and civil engineering group, saw its shares race up 20p to 91p yesterday after it announced that it had received an informal bid

The group, which has a market capitalization of £6m at these levels, is not in negotia tion at the moment, according to Mr H. A. Whitson, the chair man, but an offer may be made Apart from the directors, who hold about 12 per cent of the shares, the other main share-holder is ITC Pension Trust

cent of the group. Net assets a share are currently around 100p with cash balances estimated at around 35p a share. Interim pretax profits for 1979 amounted to \$1.25m.

Matthew Clark gloomy

Matthew Clark has the Mar-tell cognac agency here, and manufacturers British wines— mainly sherry—and Stone's Green Ginger Wine. It also dis-tributes De Kuyper liqueurs and Janneau Armagnac. It increased shales force last year and went aggressively for volume this year, increasing its share of a smaller market.

smaller market.

Margins have suffered, however. Sales rose 4.3 per cent to 540.9m, including duty of 516.4m. The biggest profit contributor are Martell Cognac and J. E. Mather, the British wines side, which did well thanks to

British and for champagne fall by 6 and 8 per cent respectively.

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Crockerton Haulage, the
rier acquired last June, m,
195,000 loss, of which IS

was spent on setting up a bonded warehouse. Group horrowings are changed from a year ago. ing eased after the sea Christmas peak. But in costs are higher thanks t creased rates.

Romney Trust Limited

Year ended 31st December Value of net assets £43,612,119 £32,943,96 £2,505,838 £2,603,30 Gross revenue

Per 25p stock unit: -Net asset value 154.3p 118.5 **Earnings** 4,52p 3.92 Dividend excluding 0.69p in respect of special dividends

The Chairman, Mr. S. G. Brooksbank, F.C.A. comments:

The strength of sterling has caused serious problems in large areas of manufacturing industry in the UK and as a result of this and a lack of competitiveness generally, the prospects for an increase in the company's franked income during 1981 are not encouraging.

The new administration in the US has co-incided with a

period of recovery for the US dollar, its economic policies may well reinforce and continue this trend which has so fa been mainly reflected in a weakness in continental currencie For UK based institutions, this would add to the attraction of investing in those overseas economies which are likely enjoy substantially higher rates of growth than in the UK. The directors feel that a policy of maximum flexibility should be pursued

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secreta Lazard Brothers & Co. Limited, 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 21

Tate & Lyle must wait for reasonable profit

By Our Financial Staff After five months of the financial year, Tate & Lyle, the sugar refiner and trader, is in generally good shape, Lord Jellicoe said yesterday at the

company's annual meeting.
But he warned shareholders: "We shall have to wait for a bit longer before achieving rea-sonable profitability." The clo-sure of the Liverpool refinery was deeply regretted but it should help to restore the sugar

business to health.

Lord Jellicoe said that discussions were continuing with the Government and unions on saving the 1,600 jobs. But he did not expect that the refinery

could be saved.

Nevertheless, the company bas offered to renew its contracts with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries for the import of save for the countries. the import of cane sugar. Lord Jellicoe said most of the sugar



Lord Jellicoe, chairman of Tate

57.8m last year, is being put on to a sounder footing. A re-view of the chemicals division is under way.

Lord Jellicoe said be believed that the Liverpool refinery was the final victim of the EEC would be refined in the United that the Liverpool refinery was kingdom but he hoped the ACP to final victim of the EEC countries would accept some sugar regime. The new quotas, flexibility in the cane's final accepted by every country except talk would being supply Tate & Lyle still has some and demand in the United mobilem areas, he went on The Kingdom sugar market more or italy, would bring supply problem areas, he went on. The Kingdom sugar mar agribusiness division, which lost less into balance.

Brasway optimistic as losses are stanched

By Our Financial Staff Mr R. A. Swaby, chairman of

Brasway, yesterday told sharebolders at the company hoped to break even by the year end despite the loss in the first half and reduced interim

in November last year. Once Mr Simmonds agreed to pur-chase the extra shares he was obliged to make an offer. Mr Simmonds explained the offer as "purey technical". He added that he had "no desire whatsoever" for the share-holders to accept. "With the position had improved after the stemming of losses in its ferrous division last October. The November figures showed share price at 51p there is no an encouraging trend and December, despite being a reason for them to accept the offer of 42p", he said. short working month, and Janu-

ary had proved most granifying. The tube division continued to of well, all things considered, and its profit contribution of \$74,000 for the nine months to lanuary 31 helped to reduce overall losses to \$114,000.

There are still three months left to achieve break even and In a letter to shareholders, as profits for January were the said that the group's trading \$71,000 he believes the company stands a good chance of succeeding

In the meantime, the group has acquired Woden Steel and Fasteners for £189,000 with net assets valued on a "going con-cern" basis of \$260,000.

William Whittingham



Increase

* Record Profits at £2.847m.

- * Proposed Dividends increased in line with earnings, up from 6.0p (net) to 6.75p (net).
- * Group net assets in excess of

"Cautiously optimistic of further progress in current year."

John M. Wardle, Chairman

Results for the year to 31st October: £0003 1980 1979 TURNOVER 25,125 PROFIT: Development & Property Division 2,442 1,676 Photographic Division 1,901 1.035 Investment income 374 237 Associated Companies 4,717 2,956 Interest Paid 1.870 747 PROFIT BEFORE TAX 2,847 2.209 Taxation 374 29 PROFIT AFTER TAX 2,473 2,180

Copies of the accounts obtainable from: The Secretary, William Whittingham (Holdings) Ltd., P.O. Box 60. Ettingshall Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 2JT.

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Exchange stops deals in Williams Hudson

The Stock Exchange took the Stock Exchange rules, acquisiunusual step yesterday of cal-ling a halt to dealings in Williams Hudson Group, the oil distribution and storage group.

The shares were susrended the suares were suspended first thing yseterday at 95p pending clarification of recent acquisitions made by the group and carried in the last set of reports and accounts. Under

Ewart New Northern ahead for half year

Ewart New Northern reports a pretax profit for the half year to October 31 of £16,000 against Mr G. W. Harding, chairman

Mr G. W. Harding, chairman of the property group, states that although the results for the current six mouths will be affected by increased maintenance costs and the reduced rate of government security grants, be expects that improved profits for the year will make it possible to recommend a final dividend of not less than 2!p. This would bring the total payment for the year to April 30 above that for the previous year.

Hunting Gibson wins control of Stag Line

Hunting Gibson's 15.3m cash offer for Stag Line has now gone unconditional. Hunting Gibson received acceptances from shareholders of Stag Line in respect of 51.2 per cent of year and said that this trend had continued since Christmas. cent that Hunting and Son. a subsidiary of Hunting Gibson, already held.

tions involving anywhere round 15 per cent of a company's assets must be accompanied by a class 1 circular giving full details of the deal.

This apparently has not been forthcoming from Williams Hudson, which is headed by Mr David Rowland, who holds nearly 05 per cent of his issued

James Grant sale to Debenhams

Edinburgh-based house furnisher James Grant (East) is to sell its offshoot, Draffens of Dundee, Dehenhams. Draffens trades as a departmental store in Dundee. The price was £780,000.

Draffens' share capital and reserves are £610,000. Pretax reading profits of Draffens for the year to January 31, 1931. are estimated at about £30,000.

Chairman optimistic at Bakers Stores

At the annual meeting of

Eakers Household Stores (Leeds), the chairman, Mr Barry Baker, referred to his statement in the annual report that the first three months of the year had been agreeably in excess of the same period last show a "satisfactory increase."

River and Mercantile Trust— Limited

Summary of Results Year ended 31st December

Income Gross Revenue	£3,187,029	£0.000.000	0.4
Net Revenue	£1,928,818	£2,923.336 £1,700.270	9.0
Cost of Ordinary Dividend	£1,800,000	£1.440.000	13.4 25.0
Cost of Special Dividend		£103.299	
Capital			
Total Assets of Company	£38,702,883	£30,904,915	25.2
Ordinary Shareholders' Assets	£36,702,883	£28.904,915	27.0
Per Ordinary Share			
Dividend Ordinary Dividend Special	15.0p	12.00թ	25.0
		0.86p	

· The Directors also propose a one for one Bonus Issue.

Overseas holdings and unlisted investments were increased during the year. The policy of the Board continues to be to increase earnings and at the same time to achieve a wider geographical spread and participation in smaller companies where opportunities for growth are seen.

While the prospects are that U.K. dividends declared during 1981 will not show the same increases as in 1980, with the substantial revenue reserves, the Directors would hope, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, to maintain the level of dividend.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from Rivermoor Management Services, 44 Bloomsbury Square, London WCLA 2P.1.

Edinburgh American Assets Public Limited Company	s Trust			
Investment objective. The Company is an Investment True whose principal objective is long term growth of capital NET ASSET VALUE 1979-1980 + 39% NET ASSET VALUE 1974-1980 + 354%	Geographical Distribution			
	North America 67%			
1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 22.6p 42.4p 555.2p 60.8p 73.2p 73.5p 102.4p	Europe 5 ^a b Rest of World 5 ^a a			
Copies of Report and Accounts are available from				

The Secretary

Edinburgh American Assets Trust P.L.C. c/o Ivory & Sime Ltd 1 Charlotte Square Edinburgh EH2 4DZ

Directors

and staff

to bid for

Directors and staff of Hornby

Hobbies, backed by a handful of leading financial institutions.

will put in a bid for the com-

ceiver of Hornby's parent, Dunbee-Combex-Marx, the toy manufacturer that folded in February 1980 with debts totall-

The three directors behind

ing more than \$18m.

He uniced apprehension that

as the United States partly shuts out imports from Japan,

the Japanese will step up com-petition in Furnpe, where they already underprice other pro-

ducers by an average of \$ to 10

full over part or all of the \$1,000m loans it has made to

the parent company as the loans become due later this year,

recording to officials of Ford of Furope inc. The loans were made in 1980 by Britain's Ford

Motor Company at market interest rates, according to the officials, who were in Geneva

The Royal Bank of Canado, the country's Jargest bank, has

reported profits after tax of Canstas Am tubout 552m, for the first quarter of 1981. This is an increase of Cans59.8m over

the comparable period of 1950.

Pretax profits at Hume Industries (Far East) of Singapore rose 26 per cent to \$513.5m (about \$2.2m) during the six

months to December 31, the

gross sales also ruse 26 per cent to \$114.8m, while after too profit rose 11 per cent to

for a motor show.

Bank of Canada

Hume Industries

company said.

Mount Charlotte lown 37 pc or year

, Peter Wainwright

Mount Charlotte Investments, e provincial botel and cater-... group steered back to finan e managing director, saw pre-1660,000, but this 37 per cent

furnover rose by more than a per cent to £11.6m but the : pirman admits that, pequisias apart, the number of cus-ners fell. Despite its absence rece of strength, Charlent did liermed that it was holding a prefundance foreign, recially American, visitors j encouraged English people holiday abroad.

The recention

the receiving also his comp gross. Earning: a share a lafe gains: 2.78p.

This year should be better. 1 the group is over the hump by a three-year \$4.5m reforbish-at programme, \$2.8m of it in inst year alone. This has lowed the group to raise 1 iffs. The programme means g. it on average 140 reoms were ; of commission in the first if of last year. It fell as the inths passed, and the plan is have only 25 or 50 out of 60 out of action this year.

atton District Water le by tender

The Sutton District Water mpany is offering for sale tender £3m of 8 per cent teemable preference stock 36. The gross yield is 11.42 r cent at the minimum price issue of £100 per £100 of ack. Knwerer, the deposit is 0 with the balance payable by arch 25. Brokers are Sey-

Bank Base Rates

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Š	ABN Bank	14%
ż	Barclays	14%
4	BCCI	14%
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	Lloyds Bank	14%
	Midland Bank	14%
	Nat Westminster	14%
	TSB	14%
	Williams and Glyn's	14%
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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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75	39	Airsprung Group	63		6.7	10.6	5.7
45	21	Armitage & Rhodes	4.5	+1	1.4	3.1	18.5
192	92]	Bardon Hill	190	_	9.7	5.1	7.1
98	88	Deborah Services	93xd	+1	. 5.5	5.9	4.6
126	88	Frank Horsell	106	_	6.4	6.0	3.3
110	40	Frederick Parker	40	_	1.7	27.5	17.4
110	74	George Blair	74		3.1	4.2	
110	59	Juckson Group	107	_	6.9	6.4	4.1
124	103	James Burrough	119	_	7.9	6.6	9.8
334	244	Robert Jenkins	320	_	31.3	9.5	-
55	50	Scruttons 'A'	52	_	5.3	10.2	3.8
224	215	Torday Limited	216	_	15.1	7.0	3.7
23	10	Twinlock Ord	11	_	_	_	
90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	72		15.0	20.8	-
SG	35	Unilock Holdings	44	+2	3.0	6.8	6.8
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By Peter Wilson-Smith

b. Mr John Bentley, has sold Prair Engineering to the 600 l health by Mr Robert Peel, Bardsey a profit estimated at managing director, saw pre- about 1200 febr of the space of three weeks.

spear to December 31. In the profits dived month through a market raid at S5p, which was inwarted by the spear to December 31. rise in Prate shares, and further purchases at up to 100p Just before the raid Pratt's shares stoad at 70p, and 50p a few necks before mat, and the

February, Barther sold it was considering a full bid flut soon real business. But the profit | after. Prait announced the world not have been so op but for a jump in interest chain Hamblin & Wingale to Dulland. ep but for a jumn in interest oges from \$289,000 to hought H&W has summer for \$289,000.

Briefiv Marie Control of the agree of the same

Allen Harvey and Ross: Decidends 23p (21.5p) net final to Feb 5. Profit 5709/000 (5555/000) after provision for rebate and tax. Net assets 55.01m (55.9m)

Yorkshire Fine Wootlen Spinners A.W. Fabrics).—At an extraordinary meeting, resolutions were passed to approve the above acquired to a loss sition. stition, the increase in and con-version of the company's autho-rized share capital and the rights issue of 11 per cent cumulative redeemable convertibles preference shares of II each.

Second Alliance Trust: Gross income for field year to January 21 (fined to expand on the reason for the loss but referred to the front (4.12p excl exceptional arrears of dividents received. Nav 232.2p decline in consumer spending decline in consumer spending. Interim already

Bracks Alarms points out that since early 1978 it has been part of the Automated Security Holdings Group of companies and since that time it has had no fin-ancial connexions with the Brocks Group of companies to whom it is understood receivers

have been appointed. Security Centres Holdings has acquired flurnet Alarms (M C) for 187,000 in sharus and £37,000 of cash. Not profit before tax of flurnet for year to November 30 1000 ms. 573,000

Sutton District Water: Offer for sale by tender is announced of EMB 8 per cent redocemable proter-ence stock 1986. Tenders to he received by 11 am on March 11.

Bank Leumi (UK) : Chairman says in his annual report that 1992 is not expected to be an easy year for hanking. He is, however, con-fident that the bank's broad tustomer hase, its experience and ing expansion of its network with-in Bank Leumi's international activities will help the UK bank to make good progress in the future.

Woolworth opens apricians' units: Opticians' units are being opened this week by F. W. Woolworth at two of its largest stores in the Midlands—in Coventry and Wolverhamptun.

Allied Breweries has received an allotment of 5.17m ordinary shares in Castle Maine Tooheys at price of \$43.60 per share making a total consideration of \$418.62m. Acquisition increases the total Allied Broweries holding to Castle Maine Tooheys to 20.9 per cent.

	Price	(things	Otose Gross	VIA Ce	PE			
Group	63		6.7	10.6	5.7			
Rhodes	4.5	+1	1.4	3.1	18.5			
	190	_	9.7	5.1	7.1			
vices	93xd	+1	. 5.5	5.9	4.6			
<u> 11</u>	106	_	6.4	6.0	3.3			
ırker	40	_	1.7	27.5	17.4			
r .	74		3.1	4.2				
up	107	_	6.9	6.4	4.1			
ough	119	_	7.9	6.6	9.8			
ins	320		31.3	9.5				
	52	_	5.3	10.2	3.8			
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lings	44	+2	3.0	6.8	6.8			
auger angs	162	_	5.7	5.6	5.6			
anuer S	260	_	12.1	4.7	4.2			

Mr Bentley sells F Pratt holding to 600 Group Mr Rentley would not con-firm Bardsey's exact dealing profit but said: "I think we've | By Catnerine Gunn

Eardsey, the cumpany headed

it. 12.7 per cour stake in T. Group for 1221p a charge giving

independent, but "you never know what's going to happen been up to 120p-closing 6p down of Hip yesterday, Dividend cut sharply after loss at Jentique

Despite earlier indications of a "mudest improvement" in trade, interim figures from red and the interim dividend

Mr John Bentley, chairman of

Mr Bentley said yesterday that Bardsey had originally hoped to build up a near 10 per

cent stake in Frait and then

make a full bid, but had changed its mind because of the rise in Pratt's shares, which

would have meant paying too high a price. Pratt shares have

cut by nearly half.

Last year's protex profit of

1309,000 has tumbled to a loss of (218,000) on turnover reduced from 15.7m to 15.3m. The substantial investments were interim dividend has been indicative of an improved per-reduced from 1.47p gross to formance for the remainder of 0.8.m.

A company spokesman dedecline in consumer spending. This has particularly hit the group's two main divisions; the

Metamec clock side and the Jentique furniture products division.

got a good value for the holding we sold,"

One reason that Raidsey's marker raid in Pratt was only

partly successful is thought to be that Mr Maurice James a

Pratt director, had been buying

shares at around the same time.

ast month Mr James disclosed

the purchase of 115,000 shares hought between 60p and 90p.

The 600 Group, which is paying £845,000 for the 690,000
shares in Pratt, said it is not
"the present intention" to bid
for Pratt but it wants to keep a
substantial shareholding becluse of commercial links

between the two companies which stretch back for over 30

years. Pratt is an exclusive supplier of chucks for the 600

Group's centre lathes. Sir Jack Wellings, 600 Group

chairman, said Mr Bentley had contacted the group about the Pratt stake Sir Jack said be

was happy for Pratt in temain

In his statement accompany ing the figures, Mr Geoffrey Cuoper, the chairman, said sales and production at Metamer were showing a marked upturn over the same period last year. In addition, the benefits of

the year. However, the furniture divisian still faces competitive trading conditions and the subsequent pressure on margins. Although now operating on full-time working, the volume needed to eliminate losses is

Sales up at Grand Met

By Our Financial Staff are going to be "somewhat flat in the first half ". Sir Maxwell Joseph, the chairman, told 500 shareholders at the annual meeting in London yesterday. We are fortunate in these

lut of mining companies, espec-

ially those fortunate enough to produce precious metals, will

But the collapse in metal

prices and the business cycle have now caught up with min-ing companies, so that they too are not eagerly looking forward

to the next six months or year. Nevertheless, some City analysts

are arguing that, if share prices are to be believed, we are not

far from the bortom of the cycle.
"Not far" is of course a sale

formulation which allows com-fortable latitude in giving pd-

vice to clients. Braver analysts

are suggesting that the middle of the year could see a recovery in share prices, and on this basis they are telling investors

to look again at majors such a Rio Tiato-Zinc, C.S.R. Alcam

Amoul, and Newmont.

If there is one lesson to be learned about metal prices and mining shares it is that the re-

lationship is complicated and

full of surprises. The most vivid example is copper. After the boom of the 1960s, the next

decade was a disaster, Accord-

ing to calculations by stock-brokers Grieveson, Grant, cup-

per was the only major metal, whose price morement fell, well short of the rise in the United States consumer price

index in the 1970s. On an index where 1970 equals 100, prices were 218 in 1980 while copper

This much said, it is import-

ant that most other metals did better than the price index. Leaving uside gold and silver, iron ore was 222 in 1980,

remember it fondly.

we shall continue to perform Grand Metropolitan's profits at least as well as and hope-ire going to be "somewhat flat fully rather better than our competitors," he said. First quarter sales showed a

relatively satisfactory 121 per cent increase, excluding Liggett, and this improvement, together with rigid control of expendidifficult times to be so diverse ture, should ensure a modest so have our risks spread increase in the current year's were appointed by the Midland so broadly. I am confident that profits, Sir Maxwell said.

Never the less,

annual 10 per cent rise during the decade would have pro-

duced an index of 260 by 1980.

have become more noticeable over the last decade. The quan-tity of raw materials, including metals, consumed with each

Mining

ture still crucial in setting

tury, a third less than previous estimates.

seel against this background.

used could be even less if some

of the more pessimistic fore-

sagies, and investment

investment in mining com-

and investment by companies, must be

growth rate of materials

production grows.

inineral prices.

Underlying individual trends

implies.

Most stocks set for downturn Last year was one that most 274, zinc 226, lead 262, nickel As it is, average growth in industrialists would wish had one 235, bauxite 217, and tin Organization for Economic Conever happened, while quite a 470. This is better than folklore operation and Development members is put at between 0.5 and 1 per cent this year, com-pared with 1.4 per cent in 1980.

From the investment viewpoint, timing is crucial. The peculiar problem here is even if one can establish a reasonable relationship between industrial demand and mining capacity over the period of a secular trend, this does not take into account the leads and lags of metal prices and share prices within the trading cycle of individual companies.

What often happens is that in the first phase of the upturn marginal rise in gross national product tends to fall in deve-loped countries. By the same industrial production and profits rise faster than mining out-put. Stocks are drawn down. taken, developing countries need an increasing amount of materials per unit of output as excess capacity is called into production and the squeeze on demand which forces metal prices up follows later. During In rich countries, greater efficiency in using resources, changes in the kind of goods and services making up final demand, and the switch to substitute materials have contributed anyther of closing down this initial period mining shares, although rising in anti-cipation of bigger profits, may do relatively worse than indus-

buted towards a slowing down in the rate of resources use. But because of the absolute isize of these economies they To bring the argument closer to contemporary conditions, a lot of mining shares do not yet completely discount the collapse in metal prices since about September 1980. Apart European consumption of minerals other than fuel may now by only 3-5 per cent minually to the end of the cenfrom reasonably good base metal prices in the first half of 1980, the precious metal explo-sion added a freak element to many mining company results. As the first quarter and first half results come in for 1981, the share market will adjust. This could be the year that

mining companies will wish never happened. Michael Prest Mining Correspondent

Business appointments

Hill Samuel names two board members

Mr R. W. Crick, managing director of Hill Samuel (SA), and Mr B. Hesketh, managing director of Hill Samuel Pacific, have joined the hoard of Bill Samuel.

the London Brick Company, is the me conson back company, is the new chairman of Peterborough Development Corporation. He succeeds Sir Christopher Higgins, who is retiring.

. Mr J. D. Marsh and Mr R. L. L Davis have joined the board of Workington Sawmills, part of Thames Board.

Mr Michael P. Renton, was until recently deputy chair-man of Arbuthnot Latham Holddirector of the Grosvenor Square Properties Group.

Mr Michael Harrison has been made a director of Transmail and

index Services. Mr Melville Johnston, chief executive of Halfords Group, is to

join W. H. Smith as retail director retail operations. Mr Dryden G. Liddle 15- now executive director of the banking group. Merrill Lynch international Eark.

Fiat to cut payout as profits rise

ment programmes.

International

stocks of cars, weakening

The company has to face the

twin problems of "high Italian

inflation and weal, worldwide

markets", Signor Cesare

Somitt, group managing direc-

tor, said. If it is to survive the

expected shakeout of world car

The largest stakes are held

by Britain and Germany with

tries which apply to join. A:

present, member institutions of

The chairman of the group is

Mr Daniel Cardan de Lichtbuer.

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details or its membership and be held in trust for other coun-

March 1989 after an aureument ETCL account for 60,000

banks. Shareholding is split in a member of the board of man-

differing proportions between aging directors of Banque

banks in Britain, Germany, Bes. Sruvelles Lumbert

d mestic demand and large per cent Ford Motor's Equish on a may

Figt plans to cut its dividend by up to a third despite a rough doubling " of profes ::: 1980 from 29,400m lire (\$17.5m. in 1979, The company

pointed out however, that the dividend, expected to be trimmed by as much as 50 line cash requirements for developfrom last year's 155 line a share, would be payable on twice as many shares since the pany today. Offers must must be handed in by 4 pm today to Coopers and Lybrand, the recompany doubled its equity capital during 1950,

The expected dividend out evidently reflects an increasingly difficult operating environment characterized by high makers in the years altend.

board of directors.

The ETCI was formed to

between the Midland Bank, the

holding company for Thomas

Cook, and several European

the hid have the backing of Hornby's 1,500 stail. Mr Karl ETCI members named Muller, the managing director, Mr Keith Dunk, finance direc-Eura Travellers' Chaque grom, Dermark, France, Luxtor, and Mr Paul Edey sought the advice of financial consult-ant Guidehouse just before International, the world-wide embourg, Notway, Portugal, travellers' cheque organization, Sweden and Switzerland, ant Guide Christmas, based on Thomas Conk traves Guidehouse, formed lers' cheque operations and on months ago to specialize in syn-; other existing European 20 per cent each. Shares cheques, yesterday announced amounting to 17 per cent will

dicarnon . and stockhroker Earnship Haes and Sons won the timucial support of several institutions for the project. "We have enough to do it." Mr John Walker of Earnshaw Haes said vesterday.

My George Cockerell of Coopers and Lybrand, speaking from Horaby's Margare headquarters vesterday, said that bids for Harnby would be con-sidered over the weekend and an announcement made on Monday.

Pussible rival bidders for the company, which makes the famous Hornby trains and Scalextric track games and equipment, include Tamwade, company formed by Mi Richard Beecham, Dunbee-Com-bex-Marx's former joint manag-ing director. Tamwade has already bought the DCM businesses from the receiver.

Hornby Hobbies has a turn over of approximately 520m. The receiver is believed to have placed a price tag in the region of £12m on the company. Hornby has continued its op-

rations since the parent comrany went into receivership and he management syndicate will bid for it as a going concern. Asked whether the receivers would simply self Hornby Hobbies to the highest bidder, Mr Cockerell said: "One would normally rake that view to

start with The failure of Dunbee-Com bex-Marx come after beavy losses in America and Europe

although the company had been trading profitably in Britain. Creditors in the United States applied for a moratorium to protect their interests, and in

Results for 1980

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1980 will be published on 14th April 1981, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1980, with actual figures for 1979, are as

	1980 EM	1979 £M
Premium Income General Business Long Term Business	876.0 104.5	815.2 92.3
	980.5	907.5
Profit and Loss Account	_	
Investment Income	119.3	104.4
Businese Shareholders' Long Term Profits	(27.0) 3.0	(18.2) 2.9
Less Interest on Loans	95.3 1.6 7.4	89.1 1.6 1.0
Profit before Taxation	92.3 25.9	86.5 26.8
Profit after Taxation	66.4	59.7
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	1.1	1.2
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	65.3	.58.5
Earnings per share Dividend per share	39.8p 13.5p	35.7¢ 12.0p

In arriving at the profit for the year, overseas revenue has been translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the year

Analysis by territory of general business premium income and underwriting result .

•	Premium Income 136	1980 Underwriting Result CM	Principal écolomie rates used	Premum Income £13	1979 Undergriting Result: EM	Prencipal eschange rates used
U.K	423.9	(2.4)		364.7	(10.3)	_
U.S.A	260.6	(4.5)	\$2,39	263.2	1.1	52.22
E.E.C. other			•			
than U.K.	36.8	(8.3)	_	\$9. \$	17.61	_
Canada	44.3	(3.2)	\$2.85	43.3	(1.0)	\$2.59
Australia	20.9	(3.3)	\$2.03	19.3	(0.7)	S2.01
Others, including						
reinsurance	49.4	0.3		45.6	. 0.3	-
Marine and						
Aviation	20.1	(3.2)		19.6	-	-
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Life Department

New Business figures are as follows New Benefits Sums Assured Annuities per annum New Life and Annuity Premiums 15.0 13.6 Annual

Final dividend for the year ended 31st December 1980 The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 6th May 1981, the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 7.25p per share making a total distribution for the year of 13.5p per share.

The dividend will be payable on or after 1st July 1981, to Shareholders on the register on 1st June 1981.



General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd

World Headquarters, General Buildings, Perth, Scotland.

Scottish United Investors

Net asset value up by 32% at 31 December, 1980 - Scrip Issue

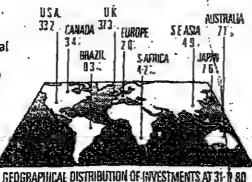
With almost £25m at credit of realised capital reserve, the directors recommend a 1 for 2 Scrip Issue to

was 149.

increase ordinary share capital to £41.5m. The policy of increasing overseas investment continued, with further investment in the United States, Australia, Japan and Continental Europe. At 31 December, 1980, 63% of funds were invested directly

In many overseas countries, there are opportunities for investment in companies whose earnings and dividend payments are more likely to increase than in the U.K. An eventual upturn in world economic activity will offer substantial advantage to a well balanced international portfolio.

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Summary of the Year	1980	1979			
Total Assets	£131,322,450	£100,532,447			
Net Assets	115,846,227	87,684.164			
Net Asset Value	104.50	79.1p			
Gross Revenue	5,919,494	5,602,850			
Net Revenue	2,509,803	2,478,203			
Dividend	. 2.3Cp	2.15p			



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MARKET REPORTS

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Discount ... market

The decision by the to keep its specifically at 12 per centoday promoted a latthe deutschemark The pointers were to another day of fairly comfortable credit conditions yesterday. But, once again, money was reluctant to show in any volume, the market possibly keeping an anxious eye on next week's programme of heavy loan repayments and restoration of banks' reserve asset ratio requirements. Only in late trading did rates ease a trifle, closing balances being taken between 134 and 14 per cent.

Foreign exchange report

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The decision by the Bundesbank to keep its special Lombard facility at 12 per cent for trading today promoted a late decline in the deutschemark against the dollar yesterday. Earlier on, the German and other key European currencies had made sharp galus at the dollar's expense on the new my many dealers that the Bundesbank would increase the Lumbard facility sharply to support the deutschemark. Sherling, firmer at first in dollar terms, ended 75 points	lower at \$2.1985, compared with \$2.2060 overnight. The pound registered a steeper decline against other key currencies. This was measured by a fall to 98.7 in its trade-weighted index from the overnight calculation of 99.5. With Eurodollar deposit rates lower and with sendment unsettled by Tuesday's cuts in United States hank prime rates, the dollar dipped 4 premigs at one time against the deutschemark to 2.1355.

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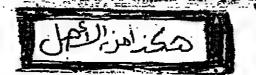
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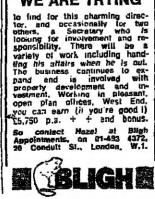
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Man Alive (BBC 2, 9.30) is about the big spenders of this orld, and the "it" in the title, There's Still a Lot of it About, money. The evidence it produces is startling, to say the least, seems there really are people who, without batting an evelid, n fork out £20 for a cigar, £10 for a handkerchief and £5.000 r a bathtub. Tonight's film is not, however, just about the spersal of wealth. More interestingly, it is about the acquisition it, by fair means and foul.

The unmistakable atmosphere of spontaneity in Russell Harty (EC 2, 8.30) and the feeling we get that something could go ribly wrong at any minute, is explained by the fact that the organize goes out live. It is always a risky thing to attempt, I am all for it. It puts everybody on their mettle, and for terviewers like Mr Harty, who don't guide their guests through terviews so much as point out the general direction and then are it to them to find their own way, the live transmission is early the answer to an MC's prayer.

The whole of tonight's edition of Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.20) devoted to Dame Eva Turner, the prima donna who is stering her ninetieth year. She is interviewed by Elisabeth utchings . . . Priest and Confessor, by Wally K. Daly, the drama suble-bill on Radio 3 (7.30) is about a man's thoughts as he proaches the confessional and the priest's thoughts as he aits for him. Richard Briers plays the priest. Tony Haygarth the infessor... The Royal Liverpool Phil play Strauss's Also sprach trathustra on Radio 4 at 8.40, and the BBCSO play tostakovich's Symphony No. 6 on Radio 3 at 2.00. Electrifying

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TELEVISION

6.40 am Open University: Proud Ambitious Heaps; 7.30 Body and Mind; Closedown at 7.55. Anno; Closedown at 7.55.

9.00 For Schools, Colleges:
Europe from the Air; 9.30 Des le
debat (French lesson); 9.47
Science: 10.10 Merry-go-Round;
10.35 The Law of Life; 11.65
Streams and Rivers; 11.30 Welsh
Castle Life; 11.55 Reside the Sca12.45 pm News; 11.30 Pebble Mill
at One Toologie options includes at One. Today's edition includes Tony Bilbow's weekly movie feature, Film Ficus; 1.45 Bod. 2.00 You and Me : A Different Sort of Home. 2.15 For Schools, Colleges, Music Time; 2.40 Television Club: A Place Like Home; Errol.

3.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook: flow people with phobias can learn to cope better with them. Close-down or 3.25. down at 3.25,
3.55 Piav School; Nick Wilson's
story Which is My Roum? Also
on BBC 2 at 11,60; 4.20 Secret
Squirrel: Robin Hood and his
Merry Mags, Carroon; 4.25
Jackanory: Sherre Hewion continues her readings from Dorothy
Edwards's A Strong and Willing
Girl; 4.40 Scooby and Scrappy

6.40 am Open University: Geophysical techniques; 7.05 Com-puting; 7.30 Being black, Close-down at 7.55.

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC I, 3.55 (Nick Wilson's story Which is My Room?). Closedown at 11.25.

4.50 pm Open University: Species and evolution, animal and plant species on the islands of Hawaii; 5.15 Electron microscopy.

5,40 Charlie Chaplin: The Cham-pion (1915) Charlie becomes a sparring partner in the boxlug ring and his cog helps him to admini-ster a knockour.

6.10 Maggie: Episode 6 of this serial about a Glasgow girl. Tonight, her brother has an acci-

dent on the football field. With Kirsty Miller. 6.35 Music-Hall Greats: Old Mother Riley, Headmistress

Doo; cartoon, Shiver and Shake, that Demon's a Stake.

5.50 Newsymmet: with Paul instalment of the Frances lles murder story with flywel Bennett McDowell; 5.03 Blue Peter: Featuring a miniature version of the latest cross-channel forty the St Christopher that viamore are St Christopher that viewers can make and sail; 5.35 The Perishers. 5.49 News; with John Edmunds; 5.55 News magazines. Regions unite at 6.20 for Nationwide which includes another of Tony Wilkinnames another of long within-son's reports on the down and outs of London; and Grass Roots, presented by Alan Towers, from Elimingham.

6.55 Tomorrow's World: How to change from a sinking cross-Chan-nel ferry, and from South Africa's coractors, sharks. voracious sharks.
7.20 Top of the Pops: The hits
of the day, performed mostly by
the artistes who lirst played them.
8.00 Hi-be-Hi t Holiday camp
comedy veries. There is one
"perk" which the entertainments
manager (Simon Cadel), though
opposed to them, finds it hard to
resist. (See Personal Choice).
8.30 Partners: Final episode in
this serial about a divorced couple
(Derek Waring. Met Martin).
Tonight: why the wife becomes
much sought after by businessmen.
9.00 News with Peter Woods.

step, but Don Camillo returns it. With a guest appearance, in the role of the bishop, by wifrid framboll.

9.30 Man Alive: There's Still 2 (1950°). Unrestrained comedy, set in a girl's school run by the erst-wille laundry woman. Her damenter plays the music teacher. With Arthur Lucan and Kitty 9,30 Man Alive: There's Sill 2
Lot of it About. An examination
of the illfestyle of some his
spenders, it also seeks to find out
whether it really is true that there
are two lax systems in Great
Britain (See Personal Choice).
10,20 The Mike Harding Show,
Another in this series of one-man
shows by the Lancashire comedian.
From the Grand Theatre in Blackmoof. 7.50 News : with sub-titles for the hard of hearing. 8.00 1981 World Figure Skating Champlonships. The Pairs Cham-pionship, from Hartford, Connecti-cut. Can America's Calilla and Peter Carruthers overcome the powerful Soviet challenge? The commentator is Alan Weeks.

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8.30 Russell Harty, Live, from the
Palace Thearre in Manchester.
This is the last programme in the
present series. Mr Harty's guests
are Anne Ziegler and Websart
Booth and the comedy actor
Arthur English (See Personal
Choice).

9.00 The Little World of Don
Camillo, The communist mayor
leaves a bomb on the priest's door-10.50 Newsnight: Bulletins and 10.50 Newsingm: Butterins and comment. The newsreader is Linda Alexander. The sports coverage is by Marshall Loe.
11.35 International Bowls. The final of the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championships, from

the Coatridge Indoor Bowling Club. At stake is a cheque for £2,500. Ends at 12.10 am.

THAMES

BBC 2

9.30 am For Schools: Politics: a free press: 9.52 Over to You. All about caves: 10.09 Wortley's wage packet; 10.33 A-level series on evolution; 10.53 A-level biology; 11.10 Looking after your feet; 11.27 The study of fossils; 11.44 11.27 The study of fossils; 11.44
Picture Box.
12.00 Gideon: Stories about a
duckling, with Tim Brooke-Taylor
providing the voices for the
onlinated farmyard characters;
12.10 pm Stepping Stones: Traveiling by water, with Vicky Ireland
and Stiggy, her puppet; 12.30 The
Sullivans: Serial about an
Australian family during the last
war.

war. 1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Together: Serial about life in a block of flats. life In a block of flats.

2.00 After Noon Plus: A double-decker edition. Interviews with the Bridsh-born actress Deborah Kerr, who is returning to the West End Stage in a play by Peter Ustinov; and with Michael Conn, a young classical mitarie. classical guitarist. 2.45 The Racing Game : Gambling Lady : Thriller about a racing

world swindle. With Mike Gwilym as the juckey rurued sleuth (r).

3.45 In Loving Memory: Comedy series about two undertakers, nephew and aunt (Christopher Beeny, Thora Hird) (r).

4.15 Watch It! A Dr Snuggles story: 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. A mother tries to set her blind daughter back; 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: the serial about countryfolk.

countryfolk. 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames news; 6.25 Heip! Items on the Snowdon Award for apprentices, a test case on a disabled boy, and a woman's film festivai. film lessival.

6.35 Battlestor Galactica: Outer space adventure yarn. Starbuck is arrested after Ortega is found murdered. With Richard Hatch, Lorne Greene.

7.30 Bognor: Episode 2 of Who Gues Home? Thriller about a Department of Trade investigator (David Horovitch). More about the marder of the editor of a gossip column. gossip column. 8.00 The Incredible Mr Tamer : Comedy series about two street entertainers (Brian Murphy, Roy Kinnear). Tonight, a TV set comes

world swindle. With Mike Gwilym into their lives, with unexpected results. 8.30 TV Eye: The risks in the contraceptive pill-not for those who take them but for those who make them. We hear about men with enlarged breasts, and woman who experience irregular periods. 9.00 Rill Street Blues: American police series. Two roung Puerto Ricans hold a butcher and his assistant bostage during a hold-up. 10.00 News from ITN: And Thames news headlines. 10.30 Thames Report: The growing discontent among the 70,000 agricultural workers in the Thames

area who produce more than most yet are paid less than most. 11.00 International Snooker Masters : Second day of the Yamaha Organs Trophy tourna-Yamaha Organs Prophy fourna-ment from the Derby Assembly Rooms, Among the players are Cliff Thorburn and Steve Davis. The final can be seen tomorrow might.

12.10 am What the Papers Say: Newspaper review by Simon Hog-gart of the Guardian.

12.25 Close: Jack Peel reads the W. H. Davies poem Leisure.

RADIO

11.00 Study on 4; Punti di vista Radio 4 (15). 11.30-12.10 am Open University : Historical Data ; Gaudi's Architec-6.00 am News Briefing, 6.10 Farming Today, 6.30 Today, 7.00, ture and Denga, 8.00 News, 7.30, 8.30 Headings, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

9.00 News. 9.05 Checkpoint. 9.30 The Lung World. 13.00 News. 13.00 News.
10.02 The Mersey Miracle.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story: The Slow-Worm, by Anne Spillard.
11.00 News.
11.05 File on 4.
11.50 France, Within.

11.65 File on 4.
11.50 Enquire Within.
12.60 New .
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.17 Brain of Britain.;
12.35 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.

6.00 News. 6.30 Any Anguers? 6.55 It's a Bargain.

2.02 Womae's Houe.
3.00 News.
2.02 Play: Where Are You,
Two-Soven?, by Jess Curtis.†
4.00 Fritz Spiegl's Musical 11.20 Kojak: The hijacking of some rare, unrefined morphine has the police puzzled because it is too dangerous to sell; 12,10 am Aiphabet. 4.13 Bookshelf Weather forecast. 4.45 The Trumpet Major (*). 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather.

Regions

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7.00 News.
7.00 The Archers.
7.20 Time the Verse.
7.20 RLPO, pt 1: Mozart.†
8.15 A Sidewitys Look.
8.40 RLPO, pt 2: Sirguss.† (See Personal Choice.)
9.20 Kalendskepe. (See Personal Choice.)

10.20 Question Time : Robin Day's

panel tonight const.; of Monty Fingiston, a former chairman of British Steel; Terry Marsland, of the Tolkeco Workers Union and twn MPs, Barney Hayhoe and Jack

Choice. 1
10.00 The World Tonight.
11.00 The Panned Veil 100.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 New.
12.15 am 12.23 Shipping forecast.
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10.30-10.45 Listen with Mother.

11.00-12.03 Schools: Time and Time (he; Min; Home and Away.

2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Living Linguage; Look!; Living Through History.

Radio 3 6.35 am Weather. .05 Records : Haydn, Boieldten.

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3.05 New London Consort, Pickert :

10.35 Record: d'Indy.† 11.06 News. 11.05 Record: Franck.† 11.15-11.30 Cricket.

Schooling and Society; Fielding and P. Tonate; Ebbs Vale. 1.00 pm News; 1.03 Violin, plano (Graenberg) McCabe-live from Brital); Recthwer (Op 96), Griez.; 2.00-2.05 RBCSO Royhdestrensky; 1.09-3.08 RBC50 Normalistransky:
Delias. Shostakovich (5):m 61.;
15:e Persona! Choice.]
11.15-12.55 am Open University:
Styl Study Hints; Germany 17831820: Biochemists and Biochemistry; Pollution Control;
Computing and Computers.

Radio 2

5.00 am Bob Kilby.; 7.30 Terry Wogan.; 19.00 Jimmy Young.; 12.00 David Hamilton.; 2.00 pm Ed Stewart.; 4.00 Much More Music.; 6.00 John Dunn.; 8.00 Cricket. 8.30 Country Ciub.; 9.00 Alan Dell.; 10.00 Tom Mennard. 10.20 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Manthew. 2.00 2m-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.; and the Night and the Music. †

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike Read, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.00 Andy Peebles, 12.30 pm Newsbeat, 12.45 Paul Burnett, 2.30 Dave Lee Travis, 4.30 Peter Powell, 7.00 Wheels, 8.00 Richard Skinner, 10.00 John Peel. † 12.00 Close.

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Medieval Music.†
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4.35 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.80 Talking about Music.†
7.30 Double Bill: Priest and Confessor. by Wally K. Daly.† (See Personal Choice.)
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Yorkshire As Thamse except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News, 3.45-4.15 Country Colender, 4.20 Survival, 4.45-8.45 Little House on the Practic 6.00 Calendar, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.30 Emmardale Farm 10.30-11.00 With a Little Help, 12.10 am Ginsedown.

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